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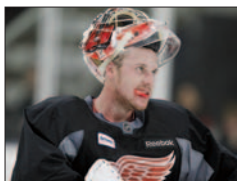
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Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a nationally televised question-and-answer session in Moscow on Thursday.

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## For victims, telling the truth often comes with burden

By STEPHANIE MCCRUMMEN  
*The Washington Post*

The war veteran wakes up at 11 a.m. and spends the afternoon alone studying, and so it is not until early evening, during her shift at the restaurant where she works as a waitress, that the first lie of the day is required. "Everything OK?" a colleague asks.

"It's fine," she says, and the lying is underway.

Lie after lie: This has been her life since coming home last year from Afghanistan — the daily maintenance of a thousand little fictions to keep everyone from finding out what happened over there.

The 27-year-old Navy veter-

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an, who wants to be identified by only her middle name, Diana, lies to people from her unit, saying she came home early because she had a lump

in her breast.

She lies to her parents, her friends and her boyfriend, who knows some of the story but not all of it.

She lies because she thinks she has to, because of the legal document she signed during her fourth month at Bagram Air Field, after she sneaked over to the hospital and asked to see the person who handles sexual assaults, after a nurse took Polaroid photos of bruises on her neck and scratches on her back, collected swabs and hair samples and put them in a brown paper bag.

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"The basic commandment of the Water Bureau is to provide clean, cold and constant water to its customers. And the premise behind that is we don't have pee in it."

— Portland, Ore., Water Bureau Administrator David Shaff, on a plan to drain the city's 7.5 million-gallon reservoir after a man urinated into it

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## MILITARY

# Obama's 'pivot' to Asia falls short

By DAVID NAKAMURA  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's bid to focus U.S. attention on Asia has failed to meet the lofty expectations he set three years ago in a grand pro- nouncement that the new emphasis should become a pillar of his foreign policy.

The result, as Obama prepares to travel to the region next week, has been a loss of confidence among some U.S. allies about the administration's commitment at a time of escalating regional tensions. Relations between Japan and South Korea are at a low point not seen since World War II, and China has provoked both with aggressive maritime actions despite a personal plea to Beijing from Vice President Joe Biden in December.

"Relations have gone from being generally positive at the strategic level to the great powers to extremely difficult," said Kurt Campbell, a former assistant secretary of state who helped conceive the Asia strategy. "It's a much more challenging strategic landscape."

In a glitzy rollout in fall 2011, Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that the United States would "pivot" away from long, costly wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and ramp up engagement to meet China's rise.

Instead, during the past year, the administration has been drawn deeper into crises in traditional hot spots in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Congressional Democrats blocked Obama's bid to speed up talks on a 12-nation Pacific free-trade pact at the core of a policy that aims to balance military realignment with economic initiatives.

And Obama canceled participation in two Asian summits because of the government shutdown last fall.

White House aides say they are confident that the president will re-energize his Asia strategy by visiting seven countries this year — Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines next week and China, Myanmar and Australia in the fall. Obama met with the leaders of the three East Asian nations on the sidelines of a nuclear summit in Europe last month.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Barack Obama speaks Wednesday in Oakdale, Pa.

"Showing up matters a lot in Asia. The good news is that it's pretty easily fixable," said Benjamin Rhodes, a deputy national security adviser. "We have the benefit of knowing what success will look like — and if we achieve it, people will think it was worth it."

Despite that optimism, there is a feeling outside the administration that the energy and enthusiasm that marked the launch of the policy have been lost with the departures early last year of Clinton and national security adviser Thomas Donilon. Their successors, John Kerry and Susan Rice, respectively, have been focused foremost on conflicts in Ukraine and Syria, a Middle East peace pact and Iran's nuclear program.

"For a lot of reasons, none egregiously negligent, it adds up to us not being there," said Michael O'Hanlon, a defense analyst at the Brookings Institution. "Perceptions are everything, and now the whole idea of the rebalance is at risk."

A few days into her tenure as the nation's top diplomat, Clinton held a dinner for her closest advisers on the ornate eighth floor of the State Department with some longtime Asia policy hands, including author Orville Schell.

The message was clear: After a decade of war, there would be a new emphasis. It was a view in sync with Obama's thinking. The president already had instructed his national security staff to conduct a review of the military's global presence.

The conclusion of the review, Donilon recalled in an interview, was that "at the very same time

that Asia was undergoing the most dramatic social and economic development in the history of the world, the United States was overwhelmingly focused on military efforts in the Middle East."

For a president with roots in Hawaii and Indonesia, a turn to Asia made sense. In February 2009, Clinton's first trip as secretary of state was to Asia, and Obama welcomed Japan's Taro Aso as his first foreign leader to visit the White House.

Underpinning the renewed focus on Asia was the realization that China was moving to fill the vacuum of U.S. inattention to the region. China's view in 2008 and 2009 was that an "arrogant" United States had been knocked down by the recession and "there's a new sheriff in town and it's China," said Campbell, Clinton's top Asia strategist.

On Obama's first Asia trip, in November 2009, Chinese President Hu Jintao embarrassed the White House by rejecting the administration's demands on China's currency manipulation and refusing to allow questions at a joint news conference.

"It turned into a metaphor for us supposedly kowtowing to the Chinese," recalled Jeffrey Bader, director of Asia affairs for the National Security Council from 2009 to 2011. "The White House was not going to let that narrative recur."

Clinton laid the groundwork for a more confrontational U.S. stance with China when, on a trip to Vietnam in July 2010, she declared that resolving a territorial dispute between Southeast Asian nations and China in the South China Sea was a "leading diplomatic priority."

By the following year, administration officials agreed it was time for a bold recalibration of their Asia policy.

As White House staffers plotted a presidential trip to Asia in fall 2011, Campbell arranged for Clinton to pen a cover story in Foreign Policy magazine.

Clinton's 5,600-word treatise, titled "America's Pacific Century," was published in October, a month before Obama's nine-day trip, and it was the first public signal of the administration's "pivot" — a word Clinton used three times — to the region.

A chief aim, aides said, was to enlist Beijing as a partner on the

global stage by demanding that it live up to its responsibilities as a rising world power.

Clinton also reaffirmed traditional alliances, pledged greater U.S. economic investment, emphasized democratic values and vowed to pursue new, multilateral organizations, especially in Southeast Asia, to mitigate conflicts.

The essay, followed by Obama's trip, aimed to "grab people by the lapels" and "communicate to them, 'This is what we really care about; this is what you should judge us on,'" Rhodes said.

Several Asia initiatives were ripening in different government agencies, and the White House packaged them together for the president to unveil.

Obama pledged in Hawaii that the U.S. would play a lead role in negotiations over the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a large-scale, multinational free-trade pact. In Australia, he announced plans for a rotating contingent of 2,500 Marines to be based in Darwin.

On his final stop, at the East Asia Summit in Bali, Indonesia, Obama made the biggest splash — announcing that Clinton would become the first U.S. secretary of state to visit the long-isolated nation of Burma in 50 years. The dramatic gesture was given the green light only after Obama called democratic opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi from Air Force One en route to Bali to win her blessing.

A year later, in November 2012, Clinton made a second trip there, this time aboard Air Force One with Obama.

Since then, China has become convinced that the U.S. strategy is aimed primarily at containing its rising influence.

Obama, hoping for a fresh start with China's Xi Jinping, who succeeded Hu last year, invited him to the Sunnyslands Estate in Rancho Mirage, Calif., in June — a setting picked for its relaxed atmosphere.

But in the fall, Beijing declared an air defense zone above contested waters in the East China Sea, provoking angry responses from Japan and South Korea.

Last week, during a visit to Beijing, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel traded barbs with his Chinese counterpart, who declared that China's military "can never be contained."

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## MILITARY

# Answers sought on Army transfers

By Tom Vanden Brook  
USA Today

WASHINGTON—A prominent senator and persistent critic of the military's response to sexual assault is demanding data about the 588 soldiers the Army removed from sensitive posts after the military's sexual assault scandal prompted a re-screening.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who chairs the Armed Services Committee's personnel panel, wrote to Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, the Army's top officer for personnel late Tuesday demanding information on the 588 soldiers whose status was first reported by USA Today.

"I am concerned that there has not been more public information about who these people are, the nature and degree of the disqualifying offenses, and the current status of these individuals," she wrote.

Bromberg had testified before Gillibrand's committee last week but offered little specific information about the cases. He noted that there were 10 categories of offenses that could have cost soldiers their jobs as recruiters, instructors or sexual assault counselors.

The vast majority have been re-assigned, some to their old infantry or artillery units. Bromberg didn't mention that the Army is seeking to kick 79 of those soldiers out the military for good.

The Army has denied the paper's requests for details of the offenses that disqualified the soldiers, requiring it to file a federal Freedom of Information Act request. Gillibrand, whose legislation very nearly wrested commanders' authority to prosecute sex crimes, didn't be so easily put off.

Her questions are polite but targeted: "Could you please provide me with the disqualifying offenses and tell me how many soldiers were disqualified under each category of offense and from what position?"

In a way, the Army is a victim of its own diligence. Unlike the other services, it screened more personnel and scrubbed them harder. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has asked the other services to consider the Army's approach and determine if it suits them.

After initially disqualifying five sailors, the Navy reconsidered and reassigned 151 personnel. The Air Force found two unfit for sensitive duty. The Marines cleared everybody they had screened.

## Sailors rescue mom, daughter hiking in jungles of Guam

Stars and Stripes

Sailors from Andersen Air Force Base rescued a 44-year-old woman and her 11-year-old daughter from the jungles of Guam on Thursday after they became separated from friends and family on a spring break hiking trip, according to media reports.

They went missing in Yona on Wednesday evening while hiking

to Tarzan Falls, according to KUAM News Guam. The Navy, which operates the only rotary-wing assets on the island, was called to help, Navy officials said.

Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 began search-and-rescue efforts around 11 p.m. Wednesday. At 8:50 a.m. Thursday, a Navy MH-60S helicopter recovered and transported the pair to U.S. Naval Hospital

Guam for treatment. Navy officials said any injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

The incident is the 11th search-and-rescue mission for the squadron this year. The Navy worked in close concert with the Department of Homeland Security, Guam Fire Department and Police, the Department of Agriculture and local volunteers, KUAM reported.

"HSC-25 continually trains our

pilots and crews to handle any situation, any time day or night, whether on the water or on land," HSC-25 Cmdr. Gregory Leland said. "This rescue is a direct result of the skills our crews develop during combat training for deployed missions in and around the region, and put to use saving lives right here on Guam."

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# NATO gives Afghans \$6M in medical supplies

By MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

**PIRMASENS, Germany** — With fewer Western forces on the ground to backstop Afghan troops, the U.S. and NATO are rushing medical supplies to Afghanistan's police and army in anticipation of a violent fighting season.

NATO's training mission in Afghanistan just spent more than \$6 million on 325 ambulance kits, which began streaming into the country on cargo planes last month.

The kits contain roughly the same equipment found on U.S. Army ground ambulances, such as spine boards and intravenous fluids. The coalition has largely favored helicopters over ground evacuation in Afghanistan. For the most part, though, Afghan forces won't have that kind of air support once the coalition leaves.

Afghans are still developing their casualty evacuation system, said Air Force Col. Maria Guevara, training mission command surgeon. While they have a small fleet of helicopters that can be used for aerial medevac, "most of their movement is going to be by ground," she said.

The ambulance kits, which include supplies to outfit the variety of ambulances that have been donated to Afghan forces over the years, are likely to be the last major purchase of medical supplies that NATO makes for Afghan troops, Guevara said. Afghan forces will now be expected to procure their own supplies.

The Afghan army and police are still learning the basics of running their supply systems, Guevara said.

"They're working on it — on how to identify their consumption



MATT MILLHAM/Stars and Stripes

**Spc. Christopher Hill, of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe, runs a diagnostic test on a suction machine for delivery to Afghan forces. NATO purchased 325 ambulance kits to supply Afghan soldiers and police ahead of the fighting season.**

rates, their fill rates," Guevara said. "And they're also working on their distribution process."

Even for the U.S. Army, which has vast experience in this arena, it was a challenge getting the supplies to Afghanistan on NATO's tight deadline.

U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe — the primary supplier of medical supplies for all military hospitals and operations in Europe, Africa and Afghanistan — typically takes four to six months to fill orders, and most aren't as large as what NATO

asked for, said Lt. Col. Sean McMurry, materiel management division chief.

With this order, NATO wanted \$6.3 million worth of supplies delivered in less than two months.

While the center is well-stocked for contingencies, it didn't have on hand many of the items NATO asked for, such as suction machines and splints, or in the quantity needed.

The center scraped the supplies together with help from other military agencies in Europe and the U.S. and its civilian suppliers,

some of which had to restart production lines to fill the order, McMurry said.

A critical shortage of intravenous fluids caused by production disruptions at three major U.S. manufacturers nearly derailed the entire project. Both saline and lactated Ringer's solution — items that are essential to treat the type of wounds that are common in combat — are essentially being rationed in the U.S.

Because the fluids were bound for Afghan and not American forces, the materiel center was

authorized to buy non-FDA-approved fluids from a British manufacturer in order to get the kits to Afghanistan before the spring fighting season.

"Had we not gone to the U.K. for that, we probably would still be sitting here today waiting to pack boxes," McMurry said.

The first batch of 60 kits shipped out on March 10; the last sets were being handed over to Afghan forces last week, Guevara said.

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## Pakistani Taliban end cease-fire, setting back peace prospects

Bloomberg News

**KARACHI, Pakistan** — Pakistani Taliban militants said they were ending a cease-fire with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government, a blow to efforts to end more than a decade of violence in the nuclear-armed nation.

"The government failed to show any progress on our basic and just demands," Shahidullah Shahid, a spokesman for the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP, said in an emailed statement Wednesday. "The decision not to extend the cease-fire has been taken unanimously after a meeting of the central council."

Sharif is seeking to reach a deal with Taliban militants operating near Afghanistan to bring peace and bolster his nation's

**'I suspect the Taliban will now carry out attacks on the security forces, but not the people, so as to show that they are only punishing the forces for not accepting their demands.'**

**Rashid Ahmed Khan**

University of Sargodha head of the international relations

\$225 billion economy. Any fresh violence by the Taliban will put pressure on the prime minister to mount military operations against them.

"I suspect the Taliban will now carry out attacks on the security forces, but not

the people, so as to show that they are only punishing the forces for not accepting their demands," said Rashid Ahmed Khan, head of the international relations department at the University of Sargodha in Punjab province. "This is definitely a setback to

the peace process."

The TTP had agreed to a cease-fire through April 10 to facilitate talks to end violence that has killed more than 50,000 people since 2001.

The Taliban have demanded the release of 300 people whom they say are family members of militants detained in government jails. The government has so far freed 19 prisoners. Militants are also demanding the establishment of a "peace-zone" for militants.

The Taliban have accused the government of killing more than 50 of their members detained in government jails despite the cease-fire and arresting more than 200 people for suspected links to the militants.

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## MILITARY

# Joint Chiefs to testify in support of pay curbs

By TOM PHILPOTT

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is giving the Joint Chiefs of Staff an unusual and potentially powerful opportunity to convince senators they risk a readiness crisis if they don't take significant steps this year to slow growth in military compensation.

All seven of the nation's top four-star officers are to testify May 6, a rare event. They are expected to urge support for pay and benefit curbs.

The scene will be in sharp contrast to pleadings for higher pay by service chiefs during earlier times of crisis for the all-volunteer military.

The Joint Chiefs hope to make clear the dilemma Congress has created by trying to shield compensation from the effects of the 2011 Budget Control Act of 2011, with its deep cuts to overall defense spending and its automatic enforcement tool of sequestration.

The chiefs have said their budgets for 2015 and beyond offer a balanced approach to absorbing those cuts because they include \$2.1 billion in compensation curbs next year and \$30 billion in pay and benefit savings over five years. If Congress won't back those, or offer alternative offsets, then the arbitrary across-the-board defense cuts of sequestration kick in.

The 28-star panel is expected to present fresh details on the consequences of that, for force structure, unit training, equipment and facility maintenance, worldwide operations and overall readiness.

Levin also has invited a second panel, of military association presidents, to testify. At least some of them will oppose any rise in troop or retiree out-of-pocket costs. To date, the most influential lawmakers on personnel matters are embracing that message, and shrugging off the warnings of defense civilian and military leaders.

Chairmen and ranking members of the military personnel subcommittee — Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.; Reps. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., and Susan Davis, D-Calif. — have suggested in recent hearings they will oppose any curbs on compensation.

The Pentagon proposals they bristle at would:

- Cap military pay raises for several more years, starting with a 1 percent raise cap in January

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2015 to match the 2014 increase.

- Dampen increases in basic allowances for housing until BAH recipients, on average, pay 5 percent of rental costs out of pocket.

- Consolidate TRICARE health insurance options into a preferred provider network that would have new fees and also higher fees.

- Make a phased cut in taxpayer support of commissaries so average savings on groceries drop from 30 percent to 10 percent.

The Military Coalition, an umbrella group of 33 associations and veteran groups, has urged lawmakers to reject this "piecemeal" approach to curbing compensation and await the recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission due next February.

Retired Air Force Col. Mike Hayden, testifying on behalf of The Military Coalition before the House military personnel subcommittee, lauded the commission's "holistic" approach to pay reform, and dinged Pentagon initiatives as just transferring more costs onto "the backs of the beneficiaries [to] free up additional funding for other priorities within the department."

Davis asked Hayden whether it "makes a difference" if it's the Pentagon this year recommending changes that affect quality of life for military families or if it's an independent commission doing so next year.

"The difference is their charter. They are not looking at a budget-cutting drill, which this definitely is," Hayden said, pointing to the DOD's budget.

Also, commission members have given assurances their priority is not to cut pay and benefits but to make military compensation more efficient and possibly provide better benefits, Hayden said. That "could end up improving

retention and recruiting, which is the overall driver for strong readiness."

The Pentagon proposal drawing the harshest criticism from lawmakers and family advocates would lower the commissary appropriation from \$1.4 billion down to \$400 million over three years. Wilson praised current shopper savings and also the jobs that commissaries provide for family members.

"It's unique and simply can't be recreated," Wilson said.

Even military exchange executives reacted with alarm to a first draft of the legislative proposal to implement commissary cuts, warning the entire military resale system could be at risk. That proposal is being modified. By mid-April, lawmakers still didn't have bill language to consider.

In a March 26 memo, acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Christine Fox described the department's scramble to shape a legislative proposal "that stands the greatest chance of enactment on a complex topic with the potential to impact not only our service members, their families and retirees, but also the exchange system and MWR (morale, welfare and recreation) funds" which are

exchange profits used for on-base, quality-of-life programs.

Fox said the revised proposal would make two "significant changes to current statute" governing commissaries: lift one restriction that goods must be sold at cost, and another that commissaries can sell only brand names.

"These two changes will provide ... enough price and product flexibility," Fox wrote, for commissaries to save \$200 million in fiscal 2015.

Otherwise, current store operations should be sustained, she said, while the department reviews "what additional changes to statute may be required" to make the Defense Commissary Agency self-sustaining even with its annual appropriation cut by \$1 billion.

"This review should consider ... having commissaries adopt an Exchange-like business model and other options for consolidation of commissary and Exchange functions," Fox wrote.

Hayden warned that if shopper savings fall to 10 percent, the announced target, patrons will go elsewhere and stores will close. Defense officials have said that's not the intent but they don't dispute the possibility.

That angers family advocates. Kathleen Moakler, with the National Military Family Association, told the Senate subcommittee that for every dollar spent to run commissaries last year, "military families realized two dollars in savings. Why are we messing with a successful system?"

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## UKRAINE UNREST

## US forces to stay in Poland until end of '14

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Air Force will maintain an enhanced presence in Poland for the remainder of the year as part of an effort to reassure allies in the region alarmed by Russian aggression in neighboring Ukraine, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Thursday.

Hagel also urged allies to contribute to the U.S. air detachment mission in Poland, where U.S. F-16s and about 200 troops have maintained a steady presence since the start of the crisis in Ukraine.

"We're committed to maintaining that augmented presence to the end of the year," Hagel said during a joint news conference at the Pentagon with Polish Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak.

The U.S. and Poland also will cooperate more in other areas with an emphasis on rotational missions and exercises, Hagel said. Other measures in the works include closer collaboration between U.S. and Polish special operations forces, additional Air Force training initiatives and pressing on with the current air detachment program and missile defense efforts.

"We should take advantage of the opportunity to work more closely," Hagel said.

Since Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea peninsula, allies in eastern Europe, long wary of Russian intentions in the region, have watched events unfold with growing unease.

To reassure Poland and other allies in the east, the U.S. quickly bolstered its presence in the region, including adding rotations of F-16s in Poland for training missions and bolstering air policing over the Baltics.

NATO surveillance aircraft also have been deployed to Poland and Romania to monitor events in Ukraine. The USS Donald Cook has been deployed to the Black Sea.

Moscow has repeatedly assured the U.S. and NATO that it has no intention of invading eastern Ukraine. However, on Thursday, President Vladimir Putin



Ukrainian soldiers are seen through the windshield of a military vehicle bearing bullet holes on Thursday in a Ukrainian National Guard base stormed the night before in Mariupol, Ukraine. Three pro-Russian protesters were killed and 13 injured during an attempted raid of the base, Ukraine authorities said.

said he had the authority to use force, but hoped that would not be necessary.

On Wednesday, NATO took additional measures aimed at reassuring allies, focused mainly on an intensification of steps already underway: ramping up of NATO's air policing mission over the Baltics and the deployment of more allied ships into the Baltic Sea and eastern Mediterranean. More training missions and exercises also are in the works.

The U.S. also has offered additional staff to assist NATO with updating its defense plans, Hagel said.

The next step will be for allies to make troop contributions for the new effort in the east and generate a deployment schedule.

Hagel did not offer specific details about how the U.S. will contribute to those efforts, noting that plans were still being crafted.

Meanwhile, the U.S. also will supply Ukraine military and border control units with a range of supplies such as medical equipment, helmets, and water purification systems, Hagel said.

In light of Russian aggression in Ukraine, Poland has no choice but to invest more in defense and

forge closer ties with the U.S., Siemoniak said.

"Things must not be taken for granted," he said. "We want to watch our interest and we are making a significant effort to modernize our forces. There is no other way for us to guarantee our own security."

When asked if he was concerned Russia could aim to strike out against others in the region, Hagel did not rule out such a move.

"We have to look, based on past actions, at every possibility," Hagel said.

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## Agreement to ease tensions is reached

The Associated Press

The turmoil in Ukraine dominated the European landscape Thursday high-level talks were held in Geneva as three protesters were killed in a clash in southern Ukraine.

In Geneva, diplomats from the United States, European Union, Russia and Ukraine reached agreement after marathon talks Thursday on immediate steps to ease the crisis.

The tentative agreement puts on hold — for now at least — additional economic sanctions the West had prepared to impose on Russia if the talks were fruitless. And that will ease pressure both on Moscow and nervous European Union nations that depend on Russia for their energy.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called the deal the result of a "good day's work" but emphasized that the words on paper must be followed by concrete actions. He said he had warned Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that Moscow would soon feel the brunt of new sanctions should it not follow through on its commitments under the agreement.

The agreement, reached after seven hours of negotiation in Geneva, requires all sides to refrain from violence, intimidation or provocative actions.

It calls for the disarming of all illegally armed groups and for control of buildings seized by pro-Russian separatists to be turned back to authorities.

It also gives amnesty to protesters who comply with the demands, except those found guilty of capital crimes.

In Ukraine, three pro-Russian protesters were killed and 13 injured during an attempted raid overnight on a Ukrainian National Guard base in the Black Sea port of Mariupol, Ukraine's authorities said.

The Interior Ministry said a mob of around 300 people armed with stun grenades and firebombs were involved in the bloodiest episode to date in the insurgency.

## Putin: Russia may invade Ukraine to protect locals

By SERGEY L. LOIKO  
Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — Russia may invade southeast Ukraine to protect the local population, President Vladimir Putin said Thursday.

Speaking live at his annual call-in show on a Moscow television studio, Putin implied he reserves the right to move Russian troops into the neighboring country on behalf of pro-Russian residents.

"We know quite well that we must do our best to protect their rights and help them independently decide their fate and we will struggle for that," Putin said. "I remind you that the Federation Council of Russia (the upper

house of Parliament) empowered the president to use the armed forces in Ukraine."

But Putin added that he hoped he would not have to resort to that.

Putin's threat suggests that Russia's armed intervention in Ukraine is a looming reality, Ukrainian political scientist Vadim Karasyov said.

"Today Putin in fact set up an ultimatum for Kiev to either allow a wide federalization of Ukraine with vast powers for eastern regions allowing Moscow to regain its political and economic control over them without formally annexing them, or to face a full-scale armed invasion resulting from which Moscow will establish

its military control over at least the southeast of Ukraine," Karasyov, director of Kiev-based Institute for Global Strategies, said in a phone interview.

"He made his terms quite clear today."

Putin also reiterated his position that the southeast regions of Ukraine for centuries were Russian territories called Novorossiya or New Russia, and it was the Bolshevik leadership in the early 20th century that handed those regions over to the newly formed Soviet Ukraine.

Putin lashed out at the lack of democracy and attacks on opposition candidates in the course of the current presidential campaign in Ukraine and refused to

recognize the legitimacy of the interim government in Kiev.

"We consider the current Ukraine authorities illegitimate as they have no national mandate to run the country," Putin said.

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## MILITARY

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## Taking flak on benefits cuts

In April 9 testimony, Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Michael Barrett told lawmakers that Marines were more concerned about readiness than pay and benefits. A social media firestorm ensued, and Barrett wrote an open letter to Marines saying he was misunderstood, but that personnel costs must be reined in.

## Readers respond:

[Congress was] just looking for some sort of permission. They needed someone to go along with it, someone to quote (NOT an elected official, not subject to political parties) to the people when we come to hold them accountable.

— Jim Stevens

Ending entitlements is always unpopular but this guy had it right. We are an entitlement military that whine and whine and whine... I for one am among many who are just sick and tired of hearing the whining and support corrupt military benefits even though it will directly affect me and my family.

— Jay

A job that pays its employees to live comfortably is a must. Our military will attract higher qualified men and women if the pay is reasonable. These people in the military have families and need to know while they are away their family is taken care of.

— Michael Macias

This guy needs a reality check. Right now we have more military families living off food stamps, welfare, WIC and other programs because they aren't paid enough to put food on the table, clothes on the back of their children and he wants to lower their pay.

— Annette Mayr

"Marines don't run around [asking] about compensation, benefits, retirement modernization. That's not on their minds." That's because the only Marines who are allowed to speak with you are the brainwashed ones who have been given preloaded questions that were devised by SMCs and Officers.

— Chris Stiffler

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This screenshot from a video on YouTube reportedly shows Syrian rebels using U.S.-made TOW, or Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided, anti-tank missiles.

# Syrian rebel fighters obtain US-made anti-tank missiles

By KAREN DEYOUNG  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Syria's opposition fighters have been supplied with U.S.-made anti-tank missiles, the first time a major American weapons system has appeared in rebel hands.

It is unclear how the rebels obtained the wire-guided missiles, which are capable of penetrating heavy armor and fortifications and are standard in the U.S. military arsenal. The United States has sold them in the past to Turkey, among other countries, and the Pentagon approved the sale of 15,000 of the weapons to Saudi Arabia in December. Both countries aid Syrian opposition groups.

U.S. officials declined to discuss the origin of the weapons but did not dispute that the rebels have them.

Their appearance on the ground in Syria coincides with a U.S. commitment this year to escalate a CIA-run program to supply and train vetted "moderate" rebel groups, and to improve coordination with other opposition backers.

"The United States is committed to building the capacity of the moderate opposition, including through the provision of assistance to vetted members of the moderate armed opposition," National Security Council spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan said. "As we have said, we are not going to detail every single type of our assistance."

Videos showing rebels using the weapons were first uploaded to YouTube between April 1 and 5 by Harakat Hazm, a moderate insurgent splinter group, according to Charles Lister, a visiting fellow at the Brookings Doha Center, who was among the first to identify the so-called TOW, or Tube-launched, Optically-tracked,

Wire-guided, anti-tank missiles.

In an article published last week by Jane's Defense Weekly, Lister noted that any country that transferred U.S. weapons to notify parties was required to notify the United States and receive its approval.

The United States secretly supplied hundreds of TOWs to Iran during the Reagan administra-

tion's arms-for-hostages arrangement in the 1980s. But Lister noted that the weapons shown in the newly released videos appear in good condition and with configurations different from the 1980s version.

Iran is a principal backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, the other side in the civil war.

## Commissioning delayed for USS North Dakota

GROTON, Conn. — The commissioning of the \$2.6 billion submarine that will become the USS North Dakota has been postponed because of issues with the design of the bow and component parts, the Navy said Wednesday.

The attack submarine was christened in November at the shipyard of Navy contractor Electric Boat in Groton. It had been scheduled to join the fleet with a commissioning ceremony May 31.

Colleen O'Rourke, a Washington-based spokeswoman for Naval Sea Systems Command, said the cause of the problems remains under investigation and it is not clear which contractor might be responsible. A new date for the commissioning ceremony has not been set.

## Militia leader pleads guilty to identity theft

MINNEAPOLIS — A self-described militia commander from Minnesota who was charged with stealing identification information from members of his former Army unit at Fort Bragg in North Carolina has pleaded guilty to identity theft.

Prosecutors said Keith Michael Novak planned to use the stolen information to make fake IDs for members of his militia, the 44th Spatha Libertas. He entered his guilty plea Monday on the single count in federal court in Minneapolis as part of a plea agreement, according to court papers. Judge Patrick Schiltz ordered that he remain in custody. A sentencing date has not been set.

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# REMEMBERING WWII



Cows graze near an American flag that marks the spot where an American B-17 bomber crashed in a field in Fouleng, Belgium, on April 13, 1944.

## Belgians recall US bomber shot down in 1944

### Town holds commemoration; families tend American graves

By MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

FOULENG, Belgium — Some townspeople here still remember that day in April 1944 when a burning American B-17 screamed low overhead, crashed and exploded in a nearby field.

Crippled by German flak, the bomber sailed like a flaming arrow into ground now occupied by dozens of grazing cows. Antonio De la Serna, who was 11 when he witnessed the crash, shudders when recalling the sputtering roar of the dying engines.

"We were quite afraid," he said.

Seven decades later, the town of Fouleng celebrates that day as if it were a holiday. Four Americans bailed out before impact. One was captured by the Germans; three were rescued by local residents. It was the villagers' first brush with the forces that would, five months later, liberate Belgium.

"The reason we are here in Fouleng is that we all have a duty to remember," Mayor Christian Leclercq said in a ceremony Sunday marking 70 years to the day that the Flying Fortress crashed here. "For you Americans, it is to show your affection to the servicemen who defended the country. For us Belgians, it is to thank the Americans for joining World War II against the invasion of the Nazis."

The commemoration drew at least 100 people — the best-attended event marking the crash since a church service in 1944.

Those numbers were driven largely by the return of Troy Hollar, 94, the sole surviving member of that ill-fated flight, and of more

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Mayor Christian Leclercq  
Fouleng

than 20 family members of the crew.

Time is also a critical factor.

Commemorations across the continent are pulling out all the stops this year to mark the 70th anniversary of the last full year of World War II, with an expectation that by the next major milestone in five years there might not be many WWII veterans to celebrate with.

The Netherlands American Cemetery, where 8,301 U.S. servicemen from World War II are buried, is the second-most visited American cemetery in Europe — only Normandy gets more traffic. Yet despite healthy attendance of between 250,000 and 300,000 visitors annually, only three veterans of the war have visited in the last year, said Richard Arsenault, the cemetery's assistant superintendent.

Not long ago, much of his time was spent accommodating veterans and their direct descendants. "But now we realize that we are



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Troy Hollar, center, speaks with an American airmen moments before he is granted honorary citizenship in the village of Silly (Fouleng), Belgium, where his B-17 bomber crashed in World War II. Hollar and three others survived, bailing out before the plane hit the ground.



Ernest Schrasser, who cares for the grave of Staff Sgt. Raymond Marz at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, shows a picture of his parents undertaking the same task. Schrasser's father adopted the grave in 1946, and the job of caring for it has been in the family ever since.

getting less," he said. Visits by the siblings of World War II veterans also are in steep decline; same, too, for their children.

"We are getting a lot of, 'He was our great uncle,' or things like that," Arsenault said.

Still, interest in the cemetery has not waned. Numerous groups, many of them made up of World War II enthusiasts from around Europe, jostle to get their events on the cemetery's calendar.

The crush is even more severe in Normandy, a large region of

northern France where tens of thousands of Allied troops landed on five widely spread beaches on June 6, 1944, to establish the foothold that would lead to Germany's defeat. Accommodations at local hotels have long been booked solid for the days of parades, fireworks, re-enactments and visits by world leaders that will commemorate the largest amphibious assault in history.

There are scores — if not hundreds — of other events around the Continent over the next year,

leading up to the 70th anniversary on May 8, 2015, of the Allied Victory in Europe. Many are organized by local groups and not much publicized. Others draw huge crowds and celebrities.

On April 28, a group dedicated to preserving the history of Exercise Tiger — a large-scale rehearsal for the D-Day invasion of Normandy — will hold a memorial service in honor of the 946 American servicemen who died at Slapton Sands in Devon, England.

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## REMEMBERING WWII

## Families bound by aviators most never knew

By MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

MARGRATEN, Netherlands — Lois O'Keefe touched the ghostly white marble of her father's grave marker for the first time Saturday — one day shy of the 70th anniversary of his death.

She never knew the man, never met him. He died a day before she was born, shot down by German forces over Belgium during World War II.

Through his death, she's become part of a growing ad hoc family of surviving family members whose lineages all trace back to that one flight.

O'Keefe was among nearly two dozen members of this informal clan that arrived in Europe last week to visit the graves of relatives and walk in the footsteps of the crash survivors.

"It both closes the loop in terms of seeing his grave and knowing where he is, and also opens another channel in my life to all of these people who have the same experiences, some of whom may have some memories of my birth father," said O'Keefe, who was adopted as a baby.

Five other men died with her father, Calvin Anthes, when their B-17 Flying Fortress was downed by German flak guns on April 13, 1944: Lloyd Brady, James Lavin, Louis Benton, James Malone and Raymond Marz.

They were all killed and survived the war: Charles Johnson, Harold Ashman, Edward Price and Troy Hollar.

Hollar, now 94, is the sole remaining member of the crew and

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**Harold Ashman Jr.**  
son of one of those who made it out of the bomber that was shot down over Belgium

a conduit to a past his unofficial family wants to know more about.

He doesn't talk much about the war, he said. When his family asked him about it, "I told them I didn't do anything different than what 10 million other guys did," he said.

But on Sunday, he opened up a bit as he, his children and relatives of some of his former crew mates took part in a memorial ceremony in Fouleng, Belgium, honoring the crewmembers.

A handful of witnesses to the crash shared their memories with Hollar, who said he remembered parachuting into a tree and getting secreted away by a member of the Belgian Resistance.

Harold Ashman Jr., son of one of those who made it out of the plane, was there, too, walking the same ground his father parachuted onto 70 years ago.

"It means a great deal" to be here, Ashman said, his voice shaking slightly.



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Richard Arsenault, assistant superintendent of the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in Margraten, explains the markings on the headstone of Calvin Anthes to Anthes' daughter, Lois O'Keefe, who was born a day after her father died. Anthes and five other airmen died April 13, 1944, after their B-17 bomber was hit by German flak and crashed in Fouleng, Belgium.

It made him think of what his father and all the other men who fought in World War II went

through.  
"You just try to put yourself in their place — 20-, 21-, 23-year-old

guys — the courage that they have just blows you away."  
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## Belgians: Many towns marking 70th anniversary of war events

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On May 18, Britain's Prince Harry goes to Italy to commemorate four major battles between January and May 1944 in which nearly a quarter-million Allied troops from Britain, the United States, Poland, India, France and New Zealand took part. Referred to by some as the Stalingrad of the Italian front, the fourth battle ended with the liberation of Monte Cassino and opened a passage for the Allies to advance on Rome.

Celebrations across France will dominate much of the late spring and early summer, starting with the Normandy invasion in June and continuing with the liberation of Cherbourg June 26, Caen on July 9, and scores of other lesser-known places along the route to Paris, which was retaken by friendly forces on Aug. 25, 1944.

In Belgium, where Fouleng held the memorial ceremony Sunday, the real celebration kicks off in September to mark the country's liberation. From Sept. 5-7, the city of Mons will host "Tanks in Town," featuring a large collection of vintage armor to commemorate its liberation by forces from the U.S. 3rd Armored Division.

The Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial will be host to two concerts and a film

from Sept. 12-14 to commemorate the country's liberation.

Also starting Sept. 14, the Belgians and Dutch launch a week of celebrations marking Operation Market Garden, the Allies' unsuccessful attempt to bring the war to an early end depicted in the classic war film "A Bridge Too Far." Though the schedule isn't set, it's expected to include convoys of some 600 vintage military vehicles that will drive from Leopoldsburg, Belgium, to Veghel, Netherlands on Sept. 14 and from Veghel to Nijmegen, Netherlands, on Sept. 20.

After that, the winter is peppered with events in remembrance of the Battle of the Bulge, the German counteroffensive that left some 19,000 Americans dead and many more wounded or captured. Thousands of people, many in vintage uniforms, are expected to take part in road marches and reenactments with special attention placed on the feats of the American 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions.

Those events are expected to be bigger than usual because, for reenactors and other World War II enthusiasts, "if the year ends in a five or a zero, they're going to want to be part of it," Arsenault said.

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Military victims of sexual assault face agonizing choice:

# Speak up or stay silent

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After that, she was handed Defense Department Form 2910 and told she had two choices for reporting rape.

She could file an unrestricted report, in which both she and the alleged offender, whom Diana said was her boss, would be named and that would launch an investigation.

Or she could file what is called a restricted report to preserve her anonymity. No names. No investigation. No one

would know except doctors and a few specified others who did not include family, friends or colleagues.

As Diana understood it, that is a promise that the U.S. military was making to her and she was making to the U.S. military: This will be our secret.

The problem of sexual assault in the military is well known. What is less well understood is the extent to which the Pentagon has officially embraced secrecy and anonymity as a means of dealing with the problem, which has been especially rampant during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A recent Department of Veterans Affairs survey found that one in four women deployed to those wars said they experienced sexual assault, defined as any unwanted contact from groping to rape.

At the same time, at least 5,274 restricted reports of sexual assault have been filed since Congress established the option in 2005, according to Pentagon figures. Restricted reports have also made up an ever-larger percentage of the total sexual assault reports filed each year, increasing from 14 percent of the total in 2005 to nearly 25 percent in 2012.

Pentagon officials cite those rising numbers as a success, saying that victims might not have filed reports at all or sought medical help without the option of complete anonymity.

"We knew there were people not reporting because they did not want an investigation, who wanted to remain a little bit hidden, wanted to keep it personal, but also wanted access to medical care," said Catherine Wilkinson, a spokeswoman for the Pentagon's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. "So restricted reporting opens the door for them to start healing while maintaining their privacy."

That is how the Pentagon sees it. Diana sees it differently.

In the 15 months since she chose the restricted reporting option, she has come to see how the decision has defined her life in ways that she never imagined, a life she can now divide by two dates.

July 5, 2012: "Ready to go," she had written on her Pre-deployment Psych Survey.

Dec. 19, 2012: "I elect Restricted Reporting and have decided to confidentially report that I am a victim of sexual assault," read the box she initialed on the form.

## The triggers

Fifteen months later, in a suburb of a Southern state, Diana's boyfriend is holding a black-and-white photograph against the wall of their living room.

"How high do you want this?" he asks. He deployed with her and knows what happened only in general terms.

"That's good," says Diana, glancing over from the couch, where she is studying for a nursing exam at the end of the month.

Now the boyfriend is hammering, not realizing that the sight of tools, which he often leaves on the kitchen counter, makes her anxious. He doesn't know exactly why she sleeps so late or why she stopped running, which she tells him is because she lost her iPod.

"It's constant," she says later, referring to the necessary evasions.

She is driving to pick up her new identification card at a veterans' hospital, where there are always things to avoid. She parks on the top floor of the garage because she doesn't like confined spaces. She almost always wears a baseball cap pulled snug over her hair in case she runs into anyone from her unit.

While veterans often cluster in the hallways and talk, she never does that, walking quickly without saying anything. In the elevator, she is quiet when an elderly man and a woman get on, and now, as the doors are shutting and a middle-age man slips in, she stares at the floor.

He has dark hair and a buzz cut, and he stands right next to Diana, who is sweating visibly. She doesn't look at him.

She exhales. Circles of sweat are forming on her shirt.

"All right," she whispers to herself and exhales again.

## Before and after

She was never a nervous person, never one to avoid people. She traveled abroad alone. She enlisted in the Navy for the college money and what she imagined would be adventure. She moved up in rank rela-

tively quickly and began aiming for an elite job with a Special Operations unit, doing 13-mile training runs. When her support unit got orders to deploy to Afghanistan, she was thrilled.

At Bagram, she honed her tactics for dealing with the testosterone-driven world of the military at war.

When she went running, she wore baggy sweats and borrowed a 9mm. When possible, she locked doors behind her. She developed rules for handling crude comments.

"No one wants to work with a woman you can't be yourself around because you think she's going to report you," she explained. "If you were the prude, you wouldn't get to go to any of the cool outposts, the exciting places."

She got the interview for the Special Operations job. Except as all that was happening, she was running out of ways to handle her boss.

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It had started with what she thought was a normal concern for her well-being. How are you doing he would write her in emails; how are you holding up? She thought nothing of it, he was married with children. Soon, her 6-foot-tall, slightly paunchy middle-age boss was following her around constantly. He started asking her why she was ignoring him, she said, and why she didn't seem to like him.

Then one night she was alone in her workshop. It had a coded cipher lock on the door, but now someone was coming in. Of course her boss had the code.

She remembers him hitting the back of her head first. She tried to scream, but then a hand was on her throat. Then a hand was crushing the left side of her face, her jaw and her mouth. Then she was staring at hammers and drills on the wall, out of reach.

He left. She stayed a while because maybe he was still by the door. Then she went back to her room. It was December, cold and snowing, and she remembers how quiet everything was outside. She said she remembers the sound of her own steps.

Every morning, she had to face her boss at muster, where he called her name like normal and she tried to answer like normal even though she hadn't slept or eaten.

After a few days, she became terrified about diseases and sneaked over to the emergency room at Bagram's main hospital.

She asked to see the person who handled sexual assaults. It was the first time she had said the phrase out loud. An attendant quickly ushered her into a special exam room.

An hour passed before the nurse arrived with the rape kit and asked her to undress. After the exam — after the nurse took the Polaroid photos of bruises on her neck and scratches on her back, after she drew blood, plucked hairs, scraped under Diana's fingernails and took the swab — the sexual assault person came in.

She seemed nervous to Diana — saying "I'm so sorry" over and over — and handed her Form 2910 and a pen. She explained that there were two choices for reporting rape.

Nearly two hours had passed, and Diana knew she had to get back to work. Her boss would be looking for her.

Option one was unrestricted reporting — "Reporting a Crime Which Is Investigated," as the form read. Diana would be named. Her boss would be named. Her chain of command would be notified. An investigation would be launched, and there was the possibility of a military trial. The full range of victim protection would be available.

Option two was restricted reporting — "Confidentially Reporting a Crime Which Is Not Investigated," the heading on the form read. Diana could receive medical treatment, "but law enforcement and my command will NOT be notified," the form read. "My report will NOT trigger an investigation; therefore no action will be taken against the offender(s) as the result of my report."

There was a blur of nine provisions spread across two pages. No one would know except people listed on the next page, said one. Another said that evidence would be destroyed after one year and "no longer available for any future investigation or prosecution efforts" unless the victim changed to an unrestricted report during that time. Another said, "I understand that if I talk about my sex-

## POLL Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll

### Female troops face heightened mental and family stress

Female veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have returned in worse mental health than their male counterparts and experience family strife more frequently.

**Q:** Comparing your mental and emotional health now with before the wars, would you say it is:

	Better now	About the same	Worse now
Men	12%	58%	30%
Women	9	47	43

**Q:** How often have you personally experienced relationship problems with your spouse as a result of your military service?

	Often/sometimes	Rarely/not at all
Men	44%	54%
Women	56%	40%

**Q:** Do you think the military is or is not doing enough to prevent sexual assault among servicemembers?

	Doing enough	Not enough
Men	55%	40%
Women	50%	48%

**Q:** Do you support or oppose allowing women in the military to serve in ground units that engage in close combat?

	Support	Oppose
Men	56%	41%
Women	70%	25%

Other/no opinion not shown.

**Full results, methods, exact question wording and order are available at [washingtonpost.com/polls](http://washingtonpost.com/polls).**

SOURCE: This Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll was conducted by telephone Aug. 1-Dec. 15, 2013, among a random sample of 819 adults who served in the Iraq or Afghanistan wars since Sept. 11, 2001. Interviews were conducted on land lines and cellphones. The results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus five percentage points. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by SSRS of Media, Pa.

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ual assault to anyone other than those under the 'Restricted Reporting' option ... it may be reported to my command and law enforcement which could lead to an investigation." The last provision was that if she didn't choose a reporting option "at this time," her commander and investigators would be notified.

Diana stared at those words. The young woman was waiting. The nurse was filling out forms, and Diana watched her put the rape kit in a brown paper bag, staple it and drop it into a desk drawer next to some Tootsie Pops. She remembers a rush of thoughts:

No one would believe her. The possibility of a trial, much less a conviction, was

remote. Her family would be dragged into it. Her career in the military, the elite job — all of that would be over. She had to get out of there.

She started signing. She was so nervous that at first she signed the wrong box, then scratched it out and signed her initials next to the words "Restricted Reporting." Yes to anonymity, yes to secrecy, yes to whatever else it said.

She left the hospital with a copy of the form and went straight back to her room. She stuck it on a shelf with a stack of other papers, between a copy of Marie Claire and a fitness magazine her dad had sent.

## Hiding

The form is in the black file box in the spare closet of the spare bedroom, where she also keeps her old uniforms, medals, promotion papers and every other reminder of who she was, all of it in closed boxes behind closed doors.

The rest of the house is half-empty. The walls are mostly black except for the black-and-white pictures of national parks that her boyfriend is hammering up and a few snapshots of Diana's smiling friends, who have no idea what happened.

This is where she hides herself most of the time — this sunny home on a quiet suburban street where she avoids running, avoids get-togethers and avoids getting to know her neighbors except when she searches the local sex offender registry.

She is studying when her boyfriend's dad comes in. He knows she was in the Navy with his son but nothing else.

"How are you doing?" Diana asks. "Fabulous!" he says and goes to look for food in the kitchen.

"I made some chicken, but it's not ready yet," Diana calls to him.

"That's OK — how are you?" the dad yells.

"Great!" she says.

## The aftermath

The first lie was something like that. It happened right after she hid the form in the magazines, when her boss knocked on the door and said he was writing her up for being late to work.

A few minutes after that, she was sitting in a room with her chain of command, several middle-age men, all Navy chiefs, who wanted to know why she was late for work.

Her boss wasn't there. So she told them what she wasn't supposed to tell them. She said that she had filed a restricted report, and they knew instantly that that meant it. It meant they couldn't ask any questions. They couldn't know who did it.

The chiefs looked at Diana, who thought they looked like fathers alone with a teenage daughter who they would never understand. One looked away. She recalled. One asked whether she was OK.

She told them that she felt fine, and that was the first lie.

One asked if she wanted to see a mental health counselor and walked with her to that office.

When she came out, she said, her boss was standing nearby. And as the days went on, he kept watching her, she said, and she became more nervous, more angry and felt more out of control, until finally she went to her chief's office, handed over her weapon and asked to go home.

The authorization letter from the Air Force colonel ordered that she was to be evacuated to the United States using "the quickest means available," which turned out to be a civilian flight with a lawyer in Doha, Qatar.

So the next day she was in Doha, at a U.S. military base, where she had no idea where she was supposed to go or how she was supposed to explain why she was there.

At the front gates, some women who barely spoke English pointed her to another building, where someone told her to go to another building that was a mile away.

It was getting dark, and Diana started walking, hauling her backpack and rolling bag across the base.

She was lost.

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Then a woman pulled up in a car beside her and asked why she was wandering around alone. Diana thought she was about her mother's age, and for the first time felt the urge to tell everything that had happened.

Instead, Diana told the woman that she was going home "for medical," and that was the second lie.

The woman drove her to the building to get her room assignment, which turned out to be a hangar-like space set aside for women, but since there weren't any, Diana stayed there alone.

The day after she arrived in the United States, she started seeing doctors.

"The Patient is a 26-year-old female," one of them wrote. "History of head injury, hit on [black of head 8 weeks ago — sexual assault]. Dizziness worse with quick movement. ... Feeling restless, feeling nervous, anxiety with persistent worry, with anticipation of misfortune to self or others, with choking or smothering sensations ... fear, loneliness ... nightmares, screaming in the middle of the night ... social withdrawal, loss of interest in friends and family, apathy, feeling demoralized, feeling helpless."

She was sent to a 28-day program at a private psychiatric hospital, where counselors repeatedly asked her to describe the sexual assault, in increasingly minute detail, a type of therapy that was supposed to help her gain emotional control over the event. She remembers crying uncontrollably at times, and getting a call from the military recruiter, who wanted to know if she was still interested in the elite job with Special Operations.

Yes, she said, yes, definitely still interested.

She started working out again at a gym, although doctors limited that to one visit a day because they felt she was overexerting herself.

After the 28-day program, she was sent to a military base in California and landed in the bureaucratic limbo known as "Med Hold," where the military futures of sick and disabled servicemembers are determined.

March 18, 2013: "Pt does not like living in" California, a doctor wrote. "She has no supports, and hasn't told family about attack ... avoiding thinking of incident."

The recruiter arrived for the interview. Diana put on her old uniform. She would pull herself together.

They met in an office. Her six-inch-thick medical file was on a desk between them. She hadn't realized it when she signed the restricted report, but the recruiter was allowed to know everything, because he had to assess her fitness for duty. Such officials were among the "exceptions to restricted reporting" listed on the form.

So he knew about the assault, she realized.

"We see you have dealt with MST," she remembered him saying, using Pentagon jargon for military sexual trauma. He reminded her that the work involved being the only woman with small groups of men in remote locations. He wanted to know if she would be able to handle that.

Diana knew that one of the next steps was a lie detector

test, so she told him no, she probably wouldn't be comfortable with that, and he told her that the job was a "no-go."

April 22: "Patient reported it is more painful to deal with the aftermath and how she was treated rather than the assault itself."

She had to go to group therapy in California with about three dozen women, all there to deal with sexual harassment or sexual assault. At one point, the group had to sit through a lecture from a Navy captain — a man, Diana noted — about preventing rape. At another point, there was a discussion about reporting rape, and it became clear that most of the women had filed restricted reports, if they had said anything at all. The group included everyone from pilots to enlisted sailors with administrative jobs, some of whom struck Diana as so accomplished that she thought "that could be the next commander," except that they were here.

"Just crumbling," Diana recalled. "It was like watching yourself."

April 30: "No-show for appointment," the group therapy leader wrote.

By May,

Diana was sure that she wanted to leave the Navy. She could not possibly go back to her unit, where everyone thought she left early because she had a lump in her breast, which is what she had told them, or that she was pregnant, which is what she figured most of them assumed.

June 3: "She described her mood as 'okay,'" a psychiatrist wrote, noting that she was becoming more withdrawn.

Several months later, "You are being referred out of the military due to a mental disorder that you developed after you were the victim of a military sexual assault" began the letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Her military career was officially over.

She left California, bought a house, moved in with her boyfriend, stowed away everything military in the spare closet and ripped into little pieces all the descriptions of the assault she had written, throwing them away in different garbage cans.

A civilian now, she started studying for her nursing degree and waiting tables and realizing how much work it would be to keep her secret.

Her dad was always asking how she could afford such a nice house on a waiter's wages, since he didn't know about her disability checks.

Her mom wanted to know why she was always running to some appointment or other. "It's just a meeting," Diana would say, since she couldn't say she

was seeing a neurologist about the numbness in her left shoulder from being crushed, or a therapist about panic attacks. Her friends wanted to know why she was so skinny. "Oh, I'm just eating healthier," Diana would tell them.

Her boyfriend wanted to wake up early and go to Home Depot.

She couldn't tell him that she didn't want to go because she was assaulted in a room with tools all over the place, so she would just say she was tired, which wasn't a lie.

December came and went, and with it any meaningful possibility that she could change her restricted report to an unrestricted one, since by that time — a year after she signed the form — the military was also supposed to have destroyed all the evidence.

Case forever closed.

## Second-guessing

Now, on a sunny afternoon in March, Diana is describing herself as a young woman who feels old; a veteran who allows herself two medications (one for vertigo and a muscle relaxer for the pain on the left side of her jaw, shoulder and hip); a person who wakes up sweating and terrified from nightmares she can't remember.

She is sitting in the corner of the cafe, baseball cap pulled down, log-

ging onto Facebook, where she and the women from the therapy group in California have a confidential page they call "the sisterhood."

The idea is to have one place where they can express themselves. But what they mostly do is write posts about anything other than what happened.

She closes her computer, and before she heads to work, she considers the moment when she signed Form 2910. She wonders whether she made the right choice.

She wonders whether her boss has assaulted other women and whether those women filed restricted reports. She thinks about what circumstances might have led her to come forward publicly with an unrestricted report.

"Maybe if I was not on deployment," she says, beginning a train of thought she's been over and over.

"Maybe if I was not in a combat zone and maybe if I didn't see a future in the military, and if I didn't fear retribution. If I didn't fear gossip and rumors or the fact that the trial would be lengthy and the punishment wouldn't fit the crime because it never does. Maybe if my family didn't have to find out and get dragged into it. There are a lot of things."

There is another train of thought, too, one that begins with who she was before any of this happened: an adventurous young woman excited for a career in the Navy and on the cusp of a job that would have taken her into Afghan villages and maybe around the world.

"I don't plan for the future as much as I used to, which is weird ...," she says. "It's almost like you're no longer flourishing, you're just surviving."

All of which makes her think that maybe she did make the wrong decision. Maybe her life would have been better if she had never gone to the emergency room, if she had never signed the restricted report, if she had never said anything at all.

But she did go, and she did sign, and now it is time for work.

It is Friday, and the restaurant is crowded with middle-age men, paunchy and drinking. She is trying to avoid eye contact and to remember to breathe when an elderly man and woman arrive.

They always ask for Diana, ever since the chef told them that she was in the Navy.

They had asked her where she was stationed, and she had told them California, and they had asked if she was on a ship, and she had said no, and then they had gotten around to asking if she had gone to Afghanistan, and she had said yes and left it at that.

Now they are back, and she walks over to the hostess and begs her not to seat the couple in her section. She doesn't want to have to answer any more questions.

For the rest of the night, she wants to avoid conversations, to be as quiet as possible, which for her is like telling the truth.

**"The Patient is a 26-year-old female. History of head injury, hit on [black of head 8 weeks ago — sexual assault]. Dizziness worse with quick movement. ... Feeling restless, feeling nervous, anxiety with persistent worry, with anticipation of misfortune to self or others, with choking or smothering sensations ... fear, loneliness ... nightmares, screaming in the middle of the night ... social withdrawal, loss of interest in friends and family, apathy, feeling demoralized, feeling helpless."**

## NATION

**Blast at ammunition plant site kills 1**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An explosion and fire at a Tennessee plant where ammunition is made killed one person and injured three others.

Rescue workers were called Wednesday afternoon to a blast at the Rio Ammunition plant in McEwen, about 55 miles west of Nashville, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman Michael Knight said. Three men and one woman were taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where one was pronounced dead, hospital spokesman Craig Boerner said.

**Ex-official sentenced in Calif. corruption case**

LOS ANGELES — A former city official who became a symbol of municipal greed was sentenced Wednesday to 12 years in prison — less than half the time it will take the nearly bankrupt Los Angeles suburb of Bell to dig itself out of the estimated \$150 million in debt he left behind.

A judge also ordered former Bell city manager Robert Rizzo to make \$8.8 million in restitution, but prosecutors said that only covers the money he illegally took for himself.

In all, Rizzo cost the modest city more than \$150 million in legal fees and illegally collected taxes that must be repaid, said prosecutors and Bell officials.

**4 expelled for flag, blackface incidents**

MELVILLE, N.Y. — A Long Island, N.Y., high school has expelled four students in separate incidents that the principal called racially offensive — the display of a Confederate battle flag at a school sports event, and posting of a photograph in blackface along with incendiary language on social media.

Brother Gary Cregan, principal of St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington, said Wednesday he expelled two seniors, both boys, who on April 9 walked into an event in the gymnasium with the flag, which teachers immediately confiscated.

He also expelled two girls, both sophomores, after they posted on social media a photograph of one of them in blackface and the racially inflammatory language.

**Judge overturns state's 6-week abortion ban**

BISMARCK, N.D. — A federal judge on Wednesday overturned a North Dakota law that bans abortions when a fetal heartbeat can be detected, which can be as early as six weeks into pregnancy and before many women know they're pregnant.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Howard said the law is "invalid and unconstitutional" and that it "cannot withstand a constitutional challenge." The state attorney general said he was looking at whether to appeal the decision by the Bismarck-based judge.

From wire reports.

# Openly back health care law, some Democrats say

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats reluctant to embrace President Barack Obama's much-maligned health care overhaul in this year's congressional elections may be having second thoughts now that enrollment in the program is higher than expected and cost estimates are lower.

"Obamacare," has been a favorite target of the Republicans in many campaigns this year where Republicans need only six seats to gain control of the 100 member Senate.

But with the administration having overcome a disastrous rollout and good news trickling in, even some professionals who have criticized the health care law say the political climate has changed.

"I think Democrats have the ability to steal the health care

issue back from Republicans," health care industry consultant Bob Laszewski said. "The Democratic Party can become the party of fixing Obamacare."

Obama recently announced that first-year sign-ups for subsidized private health insurance topped 7 million, exceeding expectations. And the Congressional Budget Office — the government's fiscal scorekeeper — said the new law will cost taxpayers \$100 billion less than previously estimated.

Republicans already were pushing their luck by vowing to "repeal and replace" the health care law without having a viable replacement in mind, said Thomas Mills, a Democratic consultant and blogger. Now, he said, Democrats have even more reasons to rise from their defensive crouch on this topic.

"Democrats need to start mak-

ing the case for Obamacare," Mills said. "They all voted for it, they all own it, so they can't get away from it. So they'd better start defending it."

Pro-Democratic activists in Alaska are doing just that, and a number of strategists elsewhere hope it will spread.

The independent group Put Alaska First is airing a TV ad that praises Democratic Sen. Mark Begich for helping people obtain insurance even if they have "pre-existing conditions," such as cancer. The ad doesn't mention Obama or his health care law by name, but it focuses on one of the law's most popular features.

Other Democrats should consider such tactics, political consultant David DiMartino said.

"There is still time to tell the story of Obamacare to voters," he said.



Nick Utap

Firefighters and other officials work the scene of an accident in which two firetrucks answering a call collided en route to a fire Wednesday in Monterey Park, Calif. One firetruck careened into a restaurant.

## 15 hurt as firetruck plows into Calif. cafe

By JOHN ROGERS

The Associated Press

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — A Monterey Park firetruck heading to a blaze collided with another engine and then plowed into restaurant, injuring 15 people including six firefighters, authorities said.

The crash Wednesday afternoon ripped through the front of Lu Dumping House and left it littered with victims, witnesses said.

Wendy Wu, a waitress at the Chinese restaurant, was in a walk-in freezer when the truck hit and wasn't hurt.

"There was a loud boom and

a lot of shaking. I thought it was an earthquake," she said. Walking out of the freezer, she saw a refrigerator pushed across the room and furniture in disarray.

Speaking through an interpreter, Wu said she saw several injured people bleeding and trying to stand.

Waitress Vivian Lu arrived for her shift moments after the truck rammed the building. She said she saw "a lot of people covered with blood," including a pedestrian with a mangled leg who had been knocked into the restaurant.

Most of the 15 people hurt had minor injuries but one person — not a firefighter — was hospi-

talized in critical condition, authorities said.

The firetruck's front half remained embedded in the restaurant for hours, with shattered glass and rubble heaped on the sidewalk. Chairs and tables were scattered inside.

The truck finally was pulled free late Wednesday night.

The California Highway Patrol was investigating the crash between the Monterey Park engine and a ladder truck from neighboring Alhambra.

Both were heading to a house fire and had their lights and sirens going when they collided, CHP and fire officials said.

## City plans reservoir flush after urination

By STEVEN DUBOIS

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Call it the Big Flush 2, and this time the sequel promises to be much bigger than the original.

Portland officials said Wednesday they are flushing away millions of gallons of treated water for the second time in less than three years because someone urinated into a city reservoir.

In June 2011, the city drained a 7.5 million-gallon reservoir at Mount Tallon in southeast Portland. This time, 38 million gallons from a different reservoir at the same location will be discarded after a 19-year-old was videotaped in the act.

"The basic commandment of the Water Bureau is to provide clean, cold and constant water to its customers," bureau administrator David Shaff said Wednesday. "And the premise behind that is we don't have pee in it."

The open reservoirs hold water that already has been treated and goes directly into mains for distribution to customers.

The urine poses little risk — animals routinely deposit waste without creating a public health crisis — but Shaff said he doesn't want to serve water that was deliberately tainted.

"There is at least a perceived difference from my perspective," Shaff said. "I could be wrong on that, but the reality is our customers don't anticipate drinking water that's been contaminated by some yahoo who decided to pee into a reservoir."

Water-quality test samples have been taken from the reservoir, with the results due Thursday. The water will be drained into the sewage system, eventually reaching a treatment plant before it's dumped into the Columbia River.

In the meantime, Shaff said, the city has plenty of water to meet demand.

"It's easy to replace those 38 million gallons of water," Shaff said. "We're not in the arid Southwest. We're not in drought-stricken parts of Texas or Oklahoma."

The incident occurred shortly after 1 a.m., when Water Bureau security personnel noticed three men on camera at Mount Tallon Reservoir No. 5. One was seen on video urinating through an iron fence, officials said. Minutes later, two other young men attempted to scale the fence.

The three men, whose names have not been released, were cited for trespassing and excluded from Mount Tallon Park. A 19-year-old was cited for public urination.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will decide whether to pursue criminal charges.

The kidney-shaped reservoir built in 1911 is drained for cleaning each spring and fall.

FAITH

# Ministering to Wash. mudslide survivors

By AMY MARTINEZ  
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Enio Agüero had never been to Oso, Wash., before late last month. But he recognized the faces.

"Faces of hopelessness, trying to find out why or how this could happen," said the 53-year-old chaplain from northern Virginia, a veteran of disaster relief in Moore, Okla., where a tornado last May obliterated entire subdivisions and killed 24 people.

"When a disaster like this happens, it touches the deepest part of our being. At one minute, there was everything; a minute later, there was nothing," said Agüero, a chaplain coordinator for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. "There's no way we can make sense of this, except that God is in control."

People of faith, ministers and chaplains have responded to the deadly March 22 mudslide as a calling. They're on the ground in Oso, Darrington and Arlington, Wash., trying to help shocked survivors pick up and go on. The transition from overwhelming loss to healing will be slow and difficult, they say.

"I've been ordained 38 years, so I've seen a lot, but I've never been a part of something this dramatic and all-encompassing," said the Rev. Tim Sauer, pastor at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Arlington and St. John Vianney in Darrington.

"There is a heightened sense of numbness, at least initially. It's been two weeks now, so the realities are starting to kick in."

In the first few days after the slide, local churches served as clearinghouses for food, water and other basic needs.

Increasingly, though, grieving

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chaplain coordinator,  
Southern Baptist Disaster Relief

families and rescue workers are turning to them for spiritual and emotional care.

"Even someone who does not believe in God lifts up their eyes and asks 'Why?'" Agüero said.

The need to minister to people traumatized by natural disasters is attracting more attention from faith-based organizations, said the Rev. Frederick Streets, a social work professor at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn., and former chaplain of Yale University.

Grief felt over the sudden loss of a loved one, coupled with massive property damage, can lead to health ailments, substance abuse and other problems if left untreated, Streets said.

"Grief is a natural reaction to loss, and it becomes more complicated when the loss is traumatic and unforeseen," he said. "Even people who survived the mudslide have to deal with dislocation."

Chad Blood, pastor at Lifeway Four-square Church in Arlington, initially busied himself with phone calls to determine, "Who needs clothes, who needs water?" But his role changed when a volunteer firefighter in Darrington asked if he could come to the local community center, "to sit with people, engage with them and love them."

He and others emphasized that



they're careful to not proselytize or come across as if they're trying to convert someone to their own religious faith.

"I'll ask at the fire department, 'Hey, you need some water? Anything I can get you?' Just be present," Blood said. "Down the road, six months from now, when things quiet down and all the media has left — and things hit your heart a little heavier — they'll know where to turn."

He uses the term "ministry of presence" to describe what he sees as his main role nowadays: to serve as a listening ear. He spent one day last week running errands with the father of a teenage boy killed by the mudslide.

"You're not asking, 'How are you feeling?' How can someone even answer that question? At the same time, you can be with them, let them cry and express themselves," he said. "As a minister, I believe just being with somebody allows them to heal."

Sauer said he's been going practically nonstop since the disaster, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, devoting himself to grieving families from a variety of religious backgrounds.

Catholic Community Services is covering the funeral costs for slide victims, no matter what religion they followed

or did not follow.

"In every case, those conversations have moved from specifics about funerals, burials and expenses to their spiritual and faith life, and their own struggles with that," Sauer said.

"It's clear this has shaken our community in countless ways. But in that process, it has brought to the surface for a lot of people questions about what they believe and what matters, and what role God has, first of all, in this tragedy, and second, in their lives as they go forward from here," he said. "I sense that people are now looking for spiritual support."

Gabby Kernaghan, top right, attends a candlelight vigil inside the Darrington Community Center in Darrington, Wash., on April 5. The service honored victims and survivors of the mudslide in Oso, Wash., on March 22.

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## FACES

# Actor sinks teeth into directing

By ALICIA RANCILIO  
The Associated Press

Paul Wesley admits to experiencing jitters on his first day of directing the episode airing April 17 in the U.S. of the CW's "The Vampire Diaries," particularly, when it came to saying the word "action."

"I had been hearing the word 'action' for 15 years, but it was always from behind the camera," explained the 31-year-old actor in a recent interview. "To say it was really a weird feeling."

On "The Vampire Diaries," Wesley plays Stefan Salvatore, a 165-year-old vampire with a conscience, who happens to look eternally youthful because he was "turned" at a young age.

Wesley has long been fascinated by directing, admiring the likes of Stanley Kubrick and Ingmar Bergman, and says that after developing a good relationship with the brass at the network and on the show, he got the OK to get behind the camera this fifth season. He was convinced they'd give him a lighter episode to start with, but instead was thrown a "cool" challenge.

"I did blue screens, I had stunts, I had all sorts of visual effects, I had flashbacks," he said. "I mean, it was really an action-packed episode. I was surprised at how

much they gave me. I thought they were really gonna go easy on me. It was gonna be incredibly generic, but it wasn't."

Now that he's experienced it once, Wesley is itching to direct more. "This is not something that is sort of a one-time thing for me... I'm gonna do more episodes next year, but I think it's about doing other things that aren't 'Vampire Diaries.' There's some cable shows that film during my hiatus which I'd love to direct, so I'd love to take a swing at that."

He said it's just a matter of time before he directs a feature film.

Wesley is also interested in other aspects of filmmaking. He produced and co-starred in "Before I Disappear" with Emmy Rossum and Richard Schiff, where he helped make creative decisions.

"I loved it. For me, it was an incredibly gratifying experience."

The movie won the Audience Award at this year's South by Southwest Film Festival.

Paul Wesley stars on the TV show "The Vampire Diaries." He directed an episode that aired Thursday in the U.S. The show airs on AFN-Family.

RICHARD SHOTWELL,  
INVISION/AP

## Director Bryan Singer accused of sex abuse in lawsuit

The Associated Press

A former child model and aspiring actor is accusing "X-Men" franchise director Bryan Singer of sexually abusing him as a teenager in a federal lawsuit filed in Hawaii.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday says the prominent director of the forthcoming "X-Men: Days of Future Past" forced Michael Egan III into sex during parties in California and Hawaii when he was 17 in the late 1990s.

Singer's attorney, Marty Singer, said in a statement that the claims are absurd and defamatory.

"It is obvious that this case was filed in an attempt to get publicity at the time when Bryan's new movie is about to open in a few weeks," said Marty Singer, who said he is not related to the director.

"X-Men: Days of Future Past" is set for release May 23. It's the fifth film in the blockbuster franchise.

Egan and his attorney, Jeff Herman, planned a news conference Thursday in Los Angeles. The lawsuit claims Egan was lured into a sex ring with promises of auditions for acting, modeling and commercial jobs. He was paid as an actor for a digital entertainment company, but forced to have sex with adult actresses at parties notorious within Hollywood's entertainment industry, the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit says that Bryan Singer attended several of the parties and forced Egan into sex, giving him drugs and threatening Egan when he resisted advances. It does not accuse the director of forcing Egan into sex.

The lawsuit does not specify a total

dollar amount, but says Egan is seeking more than \$75,000 on each of four accusations: intentional infliction of emotional distress, battery, assault and invasion of privacy.

### Young takes break from band

Malcolm Young is taking a break from AC/DC to focus on his health, the band said.

The announcement saying the 61-year-old guitarist is in "ill health" was posted on the band's Facebook page. No details were provided.

AC/DC includes vocalist Brian Johnson, drummer Phil Rudd, bassist Cliff Williams and guitarist Angus Young, Malcolm Young's brother. The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers said in the statement they "will continue to make music."

Young co-founded the Australian classic rock band. He has performed with AC/DC for 40 years.

### WWE performs in Middle East

Pro wrestlers with the WWE, including John Cena and champion Randy Orton, are in Saudi Arabia for three days of matches in the capital, Riyadh.

World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. says it is the first time its franchise has held matches in the ultraconservative Muslim kingdom, home to Islam's holiest sites.

WWE is widely popular across the Middle East. WWE has an Arabic website and debuted live in the region in Egypt in 2012. Matches also have been held in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates since.

Ticketmaster says on its website the matches in Saudi Arabia are for males only.

### Other news

■ Court records show Will Arnett has filed for divorce from Amy Poehler more than 18 months after the comedians announced their separation. Arnett filed a divorce petition in Los Angeles Superior Court on April 8 citing irreconcilable differences. His filing seeks joint custody of the pair's sons, ages 3 and 5.

■ Jenny McCarthy had big news to share Wednesday on "The View": She's engaged to Donnie Wahlberg, star of CBS' "Blue Bloods" and a member of New Kids on the Block. He proposed last weekend.

■ ABC's "The View" will gather all 11 past and present co-hosts to salute Barbara Walters as she retires from daily television. The network said Wednesday the first-ever reunion will air live on the May 15 episode of "The View," the day before Walters says goodbye as series co-host.

■ The Budweiser Made in America music festival is coming to Los Angeles, but who is performing and how the city will manage the two-day concert are still mysteries. Jay Z and L.A. mayor Eric Garcetti held a news conference Wednesday to announce the festival, planned for Labor Day weekend and held simultaneously with one in Philadelphia.



RODALE BOOKS/AP

"The Kind Mama: A Simple Guide to Supercharged Fertility, a Radiant Pregnancy, a Sweeter Birth, and a Healthier, More Beautiful Beginning," is a new book by actress Alicia Silverstone. "I knew there was another way and it would be a more enjoyable, lovely way," she says. "So I started talking to doctors and medical experts, doing tons of research and found that there was so much support for this way. I wanted to make a guide for women so they could have that experience that they deserved to have."

## Silverstone out with book 'Kind Mama'

By ALICIA RANCILIO  
The Associated Press

She's famous as an actress for "Clueless." But Alicia Silverstone is also famous for her sometimes controversial ideas about mothering, and now she's put those philosophies down in writing in a just-published book, "The Kind Mama" (Rodalet).

Silverstone, 37, whose son Bear Blu is almost 3, says she had a wonderful pregnancy and wants other women to feel as good as she did.

"I knew there was another way and it would be a more enjoyable, lovely way," said Silverstone in a recent interview. "So I started talking to doctors and medical experts, doing tons of research and found that there was so much support for this way. I wanted to make a guide for women so they could have that experience that they deserved to have."

As a vegan, Silverstone advocates a plant-based diet over meat and dairy.

"When you take plants as your medicine and you use these nourishing miracles to truly get well, everything's easier," she said, adding, "You get to have happy, healthy mommas and babies and when mommy feels good, everybody feels good. And when babies feel good they act really well. They're not uncomfortable and just struggling to process everything that's being done to them. They feel amazing and they thrive."

She also recommends a lying-in period after birth, where a mother can bond with her baby. Silverstone says she took 10 days after birth to stay in bed with her son.

Silverstone has made a few headlines in the past for advocating practices that are out of the mainstream: After giving birth, she ate pills made from the placenta, and in 2012, she aired a video of herself practicing pre-mastication — pre-chewing food for her baby and spitting it in his mouth.



Poehler and Arnett

## WORLD

# Evacuation came too late for many on sinking ferry

The Associated Press

MOKPO, South Korea — An immediate evacuation order was not issued for the ferry that sank off South Korea's southern coast, likely with scores of people trapped inside, because officers on the bridge were trying to stabilize the vessel after it started to list amid confusion and chaos, a crewmember said Thursday.

Meanwhile, the coast guard said it was investigating whether the ferry's captain was one of the first ones off the sinking ship.

The first instructions from the captain were for the passengers to put on life jackets and stay put, and it was not until about 30 minutes later that he ordered an evacuation, Oh Yong-seok, 58, a crewmember, told The Associated Press. Oh said he wasn't sure if the captain's order, given to crewmembers, was actually relayed to passengers on the public address system.

Several survivors also told the AP that they never heard any evacuation order.

Eighteen people, including a female crewmember, at least five

students and two teachers, were confirmed dead by coast guard officials Thursday night. The toll was expected to jump amid fears that more than 280 missing passengers — many high school students — were dead. Coast guard officials put the number of survivors Thursday at 179.

Video obtained by the AP that was shot by a survivor, truck driver Kim Dong-soo, shows the vessel listing severely as people in life jackets cling to the side of the ship to keep from sliding. A loudspeaker announcement can be heard telling passengers to stay in their quarters.

The increasingly anxious search for the missing was hampered all day Thursday by strong, dangerous currents, rain and bad visibility. Officials said divers would continue trying overnight to enter the ship.

There were 475 people aboard, including 325 students on a school trip to the tourist island of Jeju in the south of the country. The ferry had traveled overnight from Incheon on the northwest coast of South Korea and

was three hours short of its destination when it began to list. The cause is not yet known.

The 480-foot Sewol now sits — with just part of its keel visible — in waters off Mokpo, about 290 miles from Seoul.

Passenger Koo Bon-hee, 36, told the AP that many people were trapped inside by windows that were too hard to break. He wanted to escape earlier but didn't because of the announcement that said passengers should stay put.

"The rescue wasn't done well. We were wearing life jackets. We had time," Koo, who was on a business trip to Jeju with a co-worker, said from a hospital bed in Mokpo where he was treated for minor injuries. "If people had jumped into the water ... they could have been rescued. But we were told not to go out."

It is not clear if the captain's actions violated any procedures, and he may have believed at the time that it was still possible to control the vessel, which would have made the order to evacuate unnecessary.

## 2 US Navy helos join search for S. Korean ferry survivors

By Ashley Rowland  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Two U.S. Navy helicopters began assisting Thursday in the search for survivors of a ferry that sank off the southwestern tip of South Korea a day earlier.

More than 280 people, many of them high school students on a school trip to a popular resort island, remain missing, and 18 people are confirmed dead, according to media reports.

Lt. Arlo Abrahamson, spokesman for Commander, Naval Forces Korea, said two MH-60 helicopters operating off the USS Bonhomme Richard were searching an area about 6 to 17 miles from the disaster site at the request of the South Korean commander directing the search.

Approximately 3,000 sailors and Marines are aboard the Bonhomme Richard, an amphibious assault ship that also carries MV-22 Ospreys. The ship is now about 23 to 29 miles from the wreckage of the Sewol, the 6,325-ton ferry that was en route to Jeju Island when it sent out a distress signal shortly before 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The Bonhomme Richard

had finished taking part in a large-scale U.S.-South Korean amphibious landing operation earlier this month and was conducting routine operations in waters west of the Korean peninsula Wednesday when it received a request to provide assistance.

"It was just past noon today (Wednesday) when we received the call to assist and we immediately altered course toward the site of the sinking vessel and came up to 'All Ahead Flank,' our highest possible speed," read a post attributed to Capt. Joey "JT" Tynch, the commanding officer of the Bonhomme Richard, on the ship's Facebook page. "The thoughts and prayers of all of us aboard BHR are with the passengers and crew of the Korean ferry Sewol and their families."

Two MH-60s equipped with lifeboats were initially dispatched to the disaster site but were recalled.

"The U.S. Navy is standing by and ready to assist as requested by our Korean partners," Abrahamson said. "We continue to keep in close contact with the on-scene commander."

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## WORLD

# Samples taken from oil slick not from missing jet

By MARGIE MASON  
The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — Investigators were analyzing data collected by a robotic submarine that completed its first successful scan of the seabed Thursday in the hunt for the missing Malaysian plane, but say tests have ruled out that a nearby oil slick came from the aircraft.

The unmanned sub's first two missions were cut short by technical problems and deep water, but the Bluefin 21 finally managed to complete a full 16-hour scan of the silt-covered seabed far off Australia's west coast, the search coordination center said. While data collected during the mission, which ended overnight, were still being analyzed, nothing of note had yet been discovered, the center said. The sub has now covered 35 square miles of seabed.

Separately, the center said the oil analysis done in the western city of Perth came up empty when the samples tested negative for

aircraft oil or hydraulic fluid. The oil was collected earlier this week from a slick about 3.4 miles from the area where equipment picked up underwater sounds consistent with an aircraft black box.

It was hoped that the oil would be evidence that officials are looking in the right place for Flight 370, which vanished March 8 while en route from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing. Searchers have yet to find any physical proof that the sounds that led them to the ocean floor where the Bluefin has been deployed were from the ill-fated jet.

Twelve planes and 11 ships were scouring a 15,600-square-mile patch of sea for any debris that may be floating on the ocean surface, about 1,400 miles northwest of Perth.

Despite weeks of searching, no debris related to the jet has been found. Earlier this week, search effort leader Angus Houston said the surface hunt would be ending within days.



Green Wood/AP

**A Japanese Orion aircraft takes off Thursday from Pearce Airbase, north of Perth, Australia, to help in the search for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.**

The search coordination center on Thursday said crews would continue searching the ocean surface into next week.

Radar and satellite data show the Boeing 777 flew far off-course for an unknown reason and would have run out of fuel in a desolate patch of the Indian Ocean west of Australia.

# Gunmen raid Iraqi base, kill 10 soldiers

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militants launched a brazen attack on a military base in a restive area in northern Iraq on Thursday, killing at least 10 soldiers and wounding 12, officials said.

The morning attack at the base outside the city of Mosul, about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, started with a suicide bomber who detonated his explosives-laden truck at the gates of the facility, an army officer and a police officer said.

A group of gunmen then opened fire from apparently commandeered military Humvees and a shootout ensued. At least 10 troops were killed and 12 were wounded, the officials said. Eight militants also were killed in the fighting.

A medical official confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity

because they are not authorized to talk to media.

During the past months, Mosul and the surrounding region have seen bold attacks by militants, mainly from an al-Qaida splinter group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, against military and security forces.

In the adjacent province of Anbar to the west, the group seized control in December of parts of the provincial capital, Ramadi, and the center of the nearby city of Fallujah. Since then, Iraqi government security forces and allied Sunni tribal militias have been struggling to dislodge the militants.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack, but suicide bombings and large-scale well-coordinated assaults are a hallmark of the group. Sunni insurgent groups have stepped up attacks across the country since last year in a bid to undermine the Shiite-led government.

# Official: Fate unknown for 115 abducted Nigerian girls

By HARUNA UMAR  
AND MICHELLE FAUL  
The Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — The fate of 115 female students abducted by Islamic extremists was thrown into uncertainty Thursday when their school principal denied the Nigerian military's report that almost all the students had been freed.

"Up till now, we are still waiting and praying for the safe return of the students ...," the principal, Asabe Kwambura, told The Associated Press by telephone. "The security people, especially the vigilantes and the well-meaning volunteers of Gwoza, are still out searching for them. The military people, too, are in the bush searching."

She said only 14 of the 129 girls and young women kidnapped by

gunmen before dawn Tuesday have returned to Chibok town — four who jumped from the back of a truck and 10 who escaped into the bush when their abductors asked them to cook a meal.

The principal directly contradicted Maj. Gen. Chris Olukolade, the Defense Ministry spokesman, who said in a statement late Wednesday night that Kwambura herself had confirmed that all but eight of the students have been accounted for. "The others have been freed this evening," he said. He also said security forces had captured one of the abductors.

Olukolade could not immediately be reached for further comment.

School principal Kwambura was adamant: "So let it be clear that all the information passed on to the media by the military concerning 107 girls is not true."



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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Drunken driver crashes into train, runs away

**OR** JEFFERSON — Marion County sheriff's deputies said a driver crashed into a train before daybreak, ran from his burning car and asked neighbors for a place to sleep.

The sheriff's department reported Monday that Kyle Randall, 24, was arrested on a drunken driving charge after the neighbors called officers about 5 a.m. Saturday.

Deputies came to investigate and noticed a plume of smoke in the distance that turned out to be the burning car. They said the car was dragged 300 feet before Randall escaped. They described it as "burned out."

## Dog implicated in park death back with owner

**MO** WENTZVILLE — Zeus, a Great Dane initially implicated in a fatal attack of another dog at a dog park, was given back to his owner on Friday.

Authorities said Buddy, 10, a golden retriever, was killed on March 30 at Quail Ridge Park in the off-leash dog area.

St. Charles County officials said an autopsy of Buddy showed no puncture marks, crushing or other identifiable cause of death. The county has been unable to locate another dog involved in the attack.

Zeus' owner agreed to put the dog in training and socialization classes and to allow future behavior evaluations. He will not be allowed in dog parks or other off-leash animal facilities.

## Toddler found alone a block from his home

**WI** WISCONSIN RAPIDS — A Wood County agency took custody of an 18-month-old boy this week who was found wandering about a block away from his home while his father slept.

The toddler will be turned over to a relative, Daily Tribune Media reported.

A care worker spotted the boy wandering around the Thousand Oaks Trailer Park in Wisconsin Rapids on Friday morning. The child was wearing a short-sleeved shirt, a diaper and one sock, police Lt. Brian Krzykowski said.

Officers went to the boy's home and woke the father, who didn't know his son was missing. Wood County Human Services took custody of the boy and will turn him over to a responsible relative, Krzykowski said.

## Man arrested in school bathroom camera case

**IA** DAVENPORT — Authorities have arrested an eastern Iowa man accused of placing hidden video recording devices in a girls' school bathroom.

The U.S. Department of Justice for the southern district of Iowa said Ian Dishon Isabel, 29, was taken into custody Friday. He was captured in Adams County in western Illinois.

The Quad-City Times reported



CASEY CHRISTIE, THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN/AP

## Holy crappie!

Colt Cannon, 4, and his grandfather, Curt Cannon, of Bakersfield, Calif., have fun together catching fish during the annual Isabella Lake, Calif., Fishing Derby on Saturday. They are holding a crappie they caught before the derby and a trout that was caught Saturday morning.

that Isabel was arrested on a federal complaint charging him with production of child pornography. Isabel is accused of placing the devices in a girls' bathroom at Hayes Elementary School in Davenport. He was recently the site coordinator for an after-school program for the district.

## 2 men die near finish line of half-marathon

**NC** RALEIGH — Authorities said two runners died near the finish line of a half-marathon near Raleigh on

Sunday. Race organizers said the men's deaths appeared to be from natural causes. About 12,000 runners were expected to participate in the half-marathon and the full marathon near downtown Raleigh.

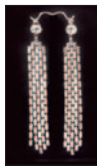
Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Medical Director Dr. P.Z. Pearce said doctors and race organizers spoke to the families of both runners, who asked for privacy.

The names of the runners have not been released. Officials said the men were young and physically fit; one was 31 and the other was 35.

## THE CENSUS

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The amount paid at an auction in Beverly Hills, Calif., for a pair of rhinestone earrings that Marilyn Monroe wore to a 1955 Hollywood film premiere. Julien's Auctions said in a statement Sunday that the actress wore the jewelry when she attended the opening of "The Rose Tattoo," a film based on a Tennessee Williams play. The buyer was a foreign collector; the auction house doesn't release the names of buyers.



April 26, officials with Microsoft-owned Xbox said. The excavation will be open for public viewing, according to Xbox.

The company is joining with Fuel Entertainment and Light Box Interactive to search the landfill. All three companies are making a documentary about the project, and Microsoft plans to release it on its Xbox One console.

## Cops dress as Amish to target flasher of kids

**PA** PULASKI — A male western Pennsylvania police officer has been dressing as an Amish woman — along with a female officer from a neighboring department — hoping to scare off a man suspected of exposing himself to Amish children.

Pulaski Township Sgt. Chad Adams said police weren't able to charge the man because of a lack of evidence, but they believe he's the same person sentenced to house arrest in January for similar incidents in neighboring Mercer County.

Adams said he got help from a female officer in Wampum. The Amish who live in Lawrence County don't want their children to testify in court and agreed to lead the police women's bonnets, aprons and dresses to catch or scare away the suspect.

## Boat burns; family bails out and swims to shore

**OR** PRINEVILLE — A boat caught fire on the Prineville Reservoir and sank after family members jumped overboard and swam to shore.

The Crook County Sheriff's Office reported that the fire broke out Sunday afternoon near a boat launch when the operator tried to start the inboard motor and sank the engine compartment caught fire.

Deputies said Anthony Howden, 40, of Bend, told them he tried to use a fire extinguisher, but it didn't work. Life jackets were not at hand, so the family bailed out without them.

The boat was about 30 yards from shore when deputies arrived, and then it drifted toward shore before sinking, they said.

From wire reports

## Dig for Atari 'E.T.' games set to begin

**NM** ALAMOGORDO — Organizers of a search in a New Mexico landfill for a rumored stash of what some call the worst video game ever made by Atari announced last week that the dig will get underway this month.

The dig at the Alamogordo landfill where Atari reportedly discarded millions of "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" game cartridges in 1983 is scheduled for

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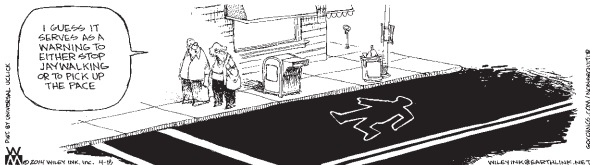
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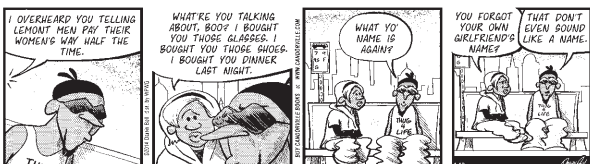
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- Clothes protector
- Snitch
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- Green, in a way
- Inventor Whitney
- "— song of six-pence ..."
- Caresed
- Heart surgeon
- Cooley
- Carry on
- Blanc or Brooks
- Pitch
- Gender
- Concept
- Surpasses
- Bat
- Workout exercise
- Superman
- portrayer

### DOWN

- Spa sounds
- Island neckwear
- Made into a bale
- Press on
- Intended
- Preceding
- PC picture
- "— voyage!"
- Take ten
- Painkiller brand
- Ocean's motions
- Formal
- Dinette need
- Karaoke prop, for short
- School URL ending
- Ex-Beate Sutcliffe
- Passover feast
- Word that may accompany a handshake
- I hope (Lat.)
- Wet wriggler
- Took care of
- Guitar's kin
- Calif. hrs.
- Graffiti artist, to some
- Gathered leaves
- Nearly identical
- Tarzan's transport system
- Van Gogh venue
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## OPINION

## Transfer surplus warships to allies

By MICHAEL MORAN

A bitter debate has raged in the Pentagon for several months about the wisdom of taking the nuclear aircraft carrier George Washington out of service to save money. The 61-year-old carrier, one of the youngest vessels, is due for a costly refit, a routine procedure that all of the 11 large carriers in service undergo regularly.

The Navy fought hard against mothballing the giant ship. But Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has warned that when the two-year reprieve Congress granted from sequester cuts expires in 2016, the George Washington will be back on the chopping block. Moreover, the chief of naval operations said last month that the Navy plans to remove 11 of its 22 Ticonderoga-class cruisers from active duty to save on operating costs, as well as removing from service early the last frigates in the fleet.

But the critics are right. This hardly seems the moment to be scrapping them, with China expanding its fleet and acting aggressively in the South and East China seas and the ongoing need to keep a significant carrier force near the Persian Gulf.

Instead, what about taking a page from history and transferring surplus warships to allied navies?

Imagine Australia, India, Brazil and Britain — the latter struggling along with no active carrier at the moment — operating the five oldest active-duty U.S. carriers. The offer of such superpower bling might prove irresistible, even with the high maintenance costs that come with them.

There is ample precedent. When World War II ended, the U.S. Navy had a fleet that included 28 large aircraft carriers and 71 smaller carriers. The U.S. Navy gave away 34 to any other nation, and far more than the peacetime world seemed to demand.

Hundreds of other warships, overnight, went from vital weapons systems to costly maintenance inventory. Many of them found their way to scrap yards, others to



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The Navy's oldest aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, left, passes the USS George H.W. Bush during a transit of the Bab-el-Mandeb strait.

the reserve fleet, where they sat rusting for a few decades before their own date at the breaking yard came due.

A select few, mixed and mingled with captured German battleships, Japanese subs and some Allied hulks, were moored off Bikini Atoll and vaporized in an atomic test.

But not all of America's wartime inventory in its huge fleet met such ends. Aware that the cost of keeping a ship at sea would be prohibitive, the Navy hit on a perfect way to balance its desire to downsize and its need to fill the gap in maritime security that Britain's shrinking Royal Navy was creating across the globe. Rather than mothballing every ship or selling them for scrap, the U.S. transferred entire fleets of destroyers, cruisers and other vessels to allied navies.

For much of the Cold War, in fact, the navies of some of America's closest allies were led by ships that once fought the Japanese off Okinawa or hunted German submarines in the Atlantic. Greece, Turkey, Spain — as well as Peru, Colombia, Argentina and even former enemies like Japan, Italy and West Germany — all took

delivery of warships that could never have afforded to build or purchase.

During the 1940s and '50s, dozens of smaller warships were sent to navies around the world, a stopgap measure to check the sudden rise of Soviet naval power. Greece and Turkey operated so many Fletcher-class destroyers that they occasionally fired warning shots at their own ships, mistaking them for the enemy. The General Belgrano, the Argentine cruiser sunk by a British submarine during the Falklands War at a loss of 323 people, began its life in the 1930s as the Phoenix, a Brooklyn-class light cruiser that survived the attack on Pearl Harbor.

How might such transfers play out today? For one thing, transferring a handful of the 11 big nuclear carriers in the U.S. fleet to our allies would eliminate the need to mothball many other ships. It would also open up money to develop the next generation of platforms, including the pilotless drone carriers.

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## Local goods: Good for you and your community

By MEGAN KIMBLE

The chickens are all of feed. Before they can make a dash through the coop's open door, I hoist the round metal feeder from his hook and squat-walk backward until I can stand straight again. I turn my back on the flock, fill the feeder and crouch back into the coop.

I am one-twelfth of the Chicken Tenders, a Tucson chicken-tending attempt at collective urban homesteading. Months before, we'd each contributed \$90 to cover the costs of building three backyard coops at three host homes, bought chicks from a local farmer, weeded out the males as their maleness became apparent and set a rotating tending schedule. Once a week, each of us would visit one of the houses, refill feed and water, tidy the coop and go home with a carton of fresh eggs.

I joined the Chicken Tenders because I like eggs and knowing where they come from. I'd failed to consider the possibility that I might not like chickens. That, in fact, chickens kind of freak me out, with their feathers fluffing and souls a-strut. When I reveal this to my sister, she asks, "Then why did you join a chicken cooperative?"

I work as the managing editor of a local food magazine. I'm a longtime member of a community-supported agriculture program. Two years ago, I stopped buying processed food and started doing it myself. So when the invitation arrived, I thought: Yes! I should definitely join a chicken cooperative.

As we divorce ourselves from producing food, we become helpless, dependent and ignorant about its origins. We subsidize factory farms, waste energy and imbibe chemical additives. So, the logic goes, we should bake bread, make cheese, butcher a pork shoulder. We should raise chickens.

But there is a limit to this way of thinking. My do-it-yourself devotion taught me this: We cannot play a role in determining where all of our food comes from, not if we want to edit magazines, order tacos from carritos or travel to Mexico.

I was mostly a vegetarian until, paradoxically, I spent two harrowing days helping to butcher a sheep. Instead of turning me off meat completely, the experience elicited a surge of respect and gratitude for the ranchers at the farmers market who, week after week, muster the necessary reverence to deliver the animals they so carefully raise to local slaughterhouses and follow them through the butchering process. I didn't want to process a sheep again, but I decided I could eat meat, as I realized, viscerally, one reason we humans clustered into communities was to specialize, to choose different paths and perfect our endeavors.

There is, in short, a legitimate space between DIY and outsourced food production. Money spent on sustainably, mindfully produced local goods has a power that multiplies and ripples through communities. According to a study by Local First Arizona, if a community the size of Tucson shifted 10 percent of its spending to local businesses — a 10 percent shift, not an increase — within

one year, it would create nearly \$140 million in new revenue for the city. Spend \$100 at a local business and \$73 of it will stay in your community, meeting payrolls, covering rent, creating accountability; spend that same \$100 at a national corporation and only \$43 sticks around.

At the Tucson Food Conspiracy Co-op, \$5 buys me a dozen eggs produced at ReZoNa-Tion Farm, where Jaime Czuchra and his wife, Kara, struggle to turn a profit on their 300 foraging heritage chickens and 100 beehives. My \$5, week after week — along with other people's \$5 — helps to keep these small farmers in business and ensures that their land, about 25 miles from Tucson, will remain farmland.

There are many examples of successful chicken cooperative programs across the country. It is not a bad idea. We should all join more cooperatives, should all be linked to one another in more enduring and accountable ways, and connected to our food.

That said, investing in small-scale professional producers through the everyday dollars we spend is as important a step to building strong local food systems as is producing food ourselves. Money spent on eggs, vegetables, meat and cheese made well and made in our communities will support and empower the farms and businesses that are integral to building sustainable, secure local food economies.

After all, we don't all have to like chickens.

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## OPINION

# What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

## Rwanda offers a lesson The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune

It has been 20 years since the genocide that took as many as a million lives and left Rwanda in ruins. So it is illuminating that a new report shows that life expectancy in the formerly splintered African nation has doubled in that time.

The development reveals what can happen when murderous, corrupt regimes are replaced with leadership focused on maintaining peace and improving living conditions.

Harvard professor Paul Farmer, along with Rwandan health experts, just published a study of the life expectancy data in the *Lancet*, the world's most prestigious medical journal.

"In the aftermath of one of the worst spasms of mass violence in recorded history, few imagined that Rwanda might one day stand as a model of a nation committed to health equity," their report notes.

The 1994 genocide, carried out chiefly by the country's Hutus against their rival Tutsis, killed nearly 20 percent of the nation's population and displaced millions more.

... The story now goes far beyond the life expectancy data, which obviously were going to improve somewhat once the mass killings ended.

In Rwanda today, the genocide — while it will never be forgotten — has been put aside as the victims and the perpetrators join hands in a remarkable effort to build a better nation. Investment in Rwanda has been tremendous since 1994, and although it lacks many natural resources, the country has become economically vibrant.

Moreover, most of the population is covered by health insurance, and malaria deaths have fallen more than 85 percent since 2005. The crime rate is low, and Rwandan women can now safely walk the streets at night.

If this kind of reconciliation and revival can happen in a forlorn corner of the world like Rwanda, couldn't it also happen in other places?

In fact, it has happened elsewhere: Just last week, Michael D. Higgins became the first president of Ireland to ever visit Britain's Parliament and be received by Queen Elizabeth at Windsor Castle.

Given the bloody history of Ireland's conflicts with the United Kingdom, it is encouraging the two sides are on friendly terms.

And although it took 20 years to overcome the horrors of Rwanda's genocide, we can only hope that the reconciliation, like that between Ireland and Great Britain, offers similar hope to other troubled parts of the world.

## Africa expansion unwarranted Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Defense Department's Africa Command, created in 2008, continues to expand U.S. military activities in Africa, now in at least 18 countries.

The operations are taking place in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Djibouti (which hosts a major U.S. base), Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Niger, Senegal, the Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Togo, Tunisia and Uganda. The United States has operated drones out of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Niger and the Seychelles. A U.S.-trained officer led a coup d'état in Mali in 2012.

Last month, a U.S. Special Operations force commandeered a tanker in international waters that Libyan rebels were attempting to use to export Libyan oil for their own profit. The armed intervention



CHARLES DUNARAK/AP

**President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden stand with outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, second from left, and his nominee to be her replacement, Budget Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell, on April 11 at the White House.**

was carried out at the request of the Libyan government and responded to the desires of American oil companies operating in Libya. A parallel use of U.S. military forces to protect the assets of American oil companies is the guard function they carry out on a pipeline in Colombia, South America.

In March, President Barack Obama authorized the insertion of U.S. forces into Central Africa to aid the Ugandan military in what have been unsuccessful efforts to track down the Lord's Resistance Army of Joseph Kony. This action was taken in spite of previous failures to trap the LRA and public criticism of the Ugandan government of President Yoweri Museveni for a law that its legislature has passed and he has signed that is sharply discriminatory against homosexuals.

It is difficult to argue that America has important strategic interests in any of these countries. Absent the agreement of any African nation to the establishment of a U.S. Africa Command headquarters on its soil, it remains based in Stuttgart, Germany.

It is hard to fathom why U.S. military activity is on the rise in Africa, but it may be driven to a degree by Pentagon fears that its budget will be cut in the post-Iraq and post-Afghanistan era, now that Americans are tired of combat wars. The problem is the activity is expensive — planned expansion of the Djibouti base alone is estimated to cost \$750 million — and it risks involving the United States in unnecessary military adventures. Someone needs to "red pencil" the expansion before it proceeds further.

## Sad truth on Obamacare Las Vegas Review-Journal

On the afternoon of April 1, President Barack Obama pulled out the pompoms and assumed the role of cheer captain at the White House Rose Garden to celebrate the great Obamacare victory. The Affordable Care Act had reached its purported goal of 7 million sign-ups, and by the March 31 deadline, no less.

Not 7 million paid consumers. Not 7 million who were previously uninsured, which we were told was the primary objective of the law. Just 7 million people who at least chose a plan via healthcare.gov or the state exchanges....

The Obama administration continues to demonstrate an extreme lack of transparency on the president's signature legislation, particularly with regard to paid enrollment and the number of sign-ups who were previously uninsured.

The sad truth about Obamacare: It largely has resulted in a churning of the insured. An extensive study released Tuesday by Rand Corp. ... estimates that, through March 28, 3.9 million people were covered through the federal and state Obamacare exchanges. That's not exactly 71 million. Granted, the study doesn't include a deadline surge of new enrollees.

As for paid enrollees, Forbes.com's Avik

Roy used the Rand study and a report last month from management consulting firm McKinsey to determine that 76 percent of those who have paid their first month's premium were previously insured, while just 24 percent were previously uninsured. A separate Forbes report estimates that 15 to 20 percent of enrollees haven't paid....

This was not what was promised. As Roy rightly notes, the Congressional Budget Office, in its original estimates, predicted that the vast majority of those eligible for subsidies on the exchanges would be previously uninsured individuals. Instead, the vast majority are previously insured people. The only notable achievement of Obamacare thus far is the expansion of Medicaid (5.9 million added, per Rand), which could have been accomplished without the law.

For Americans who had become uninsurable because of disease or a debilitating condition, Obamacare is working.... But Congress could have helped these people obtain coverage without ruining health care for everybody else....

## Sebelius gets good sendoff Kansas City Star

By agreeing to serve as President Barack Obama's health and human services secretary five years ago, Kathleen Sebelius assumed a front-and-center role in a historical effort.

Presidents since Harry S. Truman have tried to end the moral injustice that left millions of Americans without access to affordable health care. Obama and the Democrats in Congress, who at the time controlled both chambers, had a mission and an opportunity to change the system.

Sebelius' role in getting the Affordable Care Act up and running was never easy, and it would become excruciating. But Sebelius, who resigned her post on April 11, contributed a great deal toward creating a fairer and better health care system for America.

Obama tapped Sebelius because she'd been insurance commissioner in Kansas and she'd succeeded as a Democratic governor in a state as Republican as they come. But Sebelius had the good fortune in Kansas to work with a Legislature populated at least in part by moderate Republicans who were willing to work with her for the good of the state.

Washington was different. For five years, the top priority of Republicans in Congress and in many state legislatures has been to sabotage the president's health care law.

States refused to create their own insurance exchanges, leaving the Health and Human Services Department with a bigger job than had been envisioned. Congressional Republicans refused to release money to properly promote the marketplaces.

None of that excuses the epic website debacle that nearly derailed the entire health care law.

As Kansas governor, Sebelius was a wonk-

ish, detail-oriented executive. But she lost control of the development of healthcare.gov, the insurance marketplace. The wrong people were in charge, lines of authority were unclear and too much was required in too short a time.

Sebelius either didn't realize the extent of the problems or she downplayed them to Obama and the media, or possibly both.

The turnaround of HealthCare.gov has been as dramatic as its crash. By the March 31 deadline, enrollment in the insurance exchanges exceeded expectations.

After catching blame for the failure, Sebelius received little credit for the success. The White House staff that engineered the turnaround had little use for Sebelius and her team.

It was time for the secretary to leave. Obama's choice of Office of Management and Budget Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell to replace Sebelius indicates his desire to have a proven manager in charge as health care reform progresses. She is a good choice, and Congress should speedily confirm her.

As for Sebelius, history will treat her efforts more kindly than the headlines that are accompanying her departure....

Thanks in part to her work, millions of American doctors are now able to deal with serious medical problems without fear of financial ruin. Insurance policies can't be canceled when a consumer becomes seriously ill or reaches a lifetime limit on treatment. Hospitals are reducing errors and controlling costs.

Getting kids insured has always been a priority for Sebelius. So it's fitting that her resignation should come at the same time as a report showing the uninsured rate for children dropped 2.2 percentage points while she was in office, to 7.5 percent. That is a record of good news makes for a very satisfying sendoff.

## Oppose SNP on nuke subs Wall Street Journal

Proponents of Scottish independence have made the removal of nuclear-armed British submarines from Scotland's waters a centerpiece of their campaign ahead of a Sept. 18 referendum. In Edinburgh, anti-nuclear politics reign.

Since the days of the Cold War, the Royal Navy has operated submarines armed with ballistic nuclear missiles out of Faslane, a base on the river Clyde, 25 miles northwest of Glasgow. Trident missiles are also stored at a Royal Navy armaments depot near Coulport village.

The leaving, pro-independence Scottish National Party vows the Trident as a symbol of British imperialism. "For decades we have been part of a Westminster system that has sought to project global power," the SNP's pro-independence white paper says. "Trident is an affront to basic decency with its indiscriminate and inhumane destructive power."

Should the Scottish people vote to leave the United Kingdom, the SNP says, the Trident subs will have to be removed from Scotland's waters by 2020. SNP leaders seem to be indifferent to the practical head-on collision of up to £20 billion in estimated costs London will have to bear to relocate a fleet of nuclear submarines.

An independent Scotland, the SNP argues, can still join NATO as a non-nuclear member no longer obliged to host strategic weapons. Yet NATO is a nuclear alliance, and "there is no way of achieving a credible freeloading. The party wants Scotland to enjoy the benefits of the British and Western nuclear deterrent without having to bear its historical responsibility for maintaining it."

On Tuesday, Russia test-fired the RS-24, a new ICBM that, according to the Russian media, can reach any point on the globe, independently targetable nuclear warheads designed to evade missile defense systems to a range of 12,000 kilometers. "The SNP may imagine that the need for nuclear deterrence is a thing of the past, but sober people shouldn't. The SNP's nuclear dodge is another reason, among many needed, for voters to reject its feckless politics."

At Moscow, Russia, Richard Abril vs. Eduard Troyanovsky, 12, for Abril's WBA World lightweight title; Denis Lebedev vs. Guillermo Jones, 12, for Lebedev's WBA World cruiserweight title.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Duke freshman Parker leaving for NBA

The Associated Press

Duke freshman Jabari Parker is entering the NBA draft, and there's a strong chance he'll be the No. 1 pick.

The 6-foot-8 All-American forward was the highest-scoring freshman in Duke history. He was also the first freshman to lead the Blue Devils in scoring and rebounding and the first freshman in three decades to be selected team MVP.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski said in a statement Thursday it was "an honor for us to have him in our program." In an essay posted on SI.com, Parker said the NBA offers him the best chance to develop both as a player and off the court.

"I realize how much of a privilege and an honor it is to join the ranks of the NBA," Parker wrote. "I will do everything in my power to help deliver championships to the franchise that drafts me. At the same time, I recognize the obligation to represent the league in an admirable way off the court."

Parker is the fifth Blue Devils player to enter the draft after his freshman season, joining Corey Maggette, Luol Deng, Kyrie Irving and Austin Rivers.

"Jabari could not have been better," Krzyzewski said. "He is the epitome of what you would want a basketball player to be — outstanding every day on the practice court and in the classroom and a very humble young man."

"He had a fantastic freshman year and is so deserving of the opportunity to play in the NBA and follow his dream."

Parker led the Atlantic Coast Conference with an average of 8.7 rebounds and his 19.1 points were second only to North Carolina State's T.J. Warren.

## Bucks' owner sells team to NY executives

MILWAUKEE — Bucks owner Herb Kohl was well past retirement age and realized it was time



BOB LEVERONE/AP

**Duke's Jabari Parker announced Thursday that he is entering the NBA Draft.**

to secure the future of the club. He had one big caveat for any potential investors: Keep the team in his hometown of Milwaukee.

The former U.S. senator is banking on New York investment firm executives Marc Lasry and Wesley Edens to follow through after agreeing to sell them the Bucks for about \$550 million. The deal is subject to approval by the NBA and its board of governors.

"I've approached a time in my life where I have to think about ... how do we think about succession," Kohl, 79, told a news conference Wednesday. The deal was announced hours before the team was to play its last game of a dismal season.

Lasry and Edens committed to providing \$100 million to help build a new arena. Kohl also announced he would donate \$100 million for a new facility.

■ LeBron James' jersey remains the most popular in the NBA.

The Miami Heat star topped the list of jersey sales in the NBA for the sixth time, the league an-

nounced on Thursday. With teammate Dwyane Wade — whose jersey number hasn't changed in 11 years — at No. 7, the Heat also had the top spot on the team merchandise sales list.

Kevin Durant of Oklahoma City was No. 2 on the list, followed by the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, Chicago's Derrick Rose, Golden State's Stephen Curry and New York's Carmelo Anthony.

## Running back Johnson signs with Jets

NEW YORK — Always fast on the field, Chris Johnson is looking to quickly prove his critics wrong.

The New York Jets signed the former Titans running back Wednesday, a little more than a week after he was officially released by Tennessee.

Johnson met with the Jets all day Tuesday — the first team he visited — and stayed in town to watch the Knicks-Nets game in Brooklyn before signing Wednesday. The Jets announced the move, but didn't release terms.

In a text message to The Associated Press, Johnson confirmed it was a two-year deal.

"I have a fresh start," Johnson told The Tennessean. "Now I am going to go out there with a chip on my shoulder. I know a lot of people are doubting me."

Johnson finished with 1,077 yards — the second-lowest total of his career — and a career-worst 3.9-yard average last season. He also rushed for 100 or more yards just twice.

## Mankato players won't practice for old coach

MANKATO, Minn. — Football players at Minnesota State-Mankato refused to practice for their former head coach on Wednesday, greeting his reinstatement by an arbitrator by demanding that the interim coach keep the top job.

Todd Hoffner returned to

campus for the first time since the arbitrator ruled he was fired unfairly last year in the wake of a child porn investigation that ultimately cleared him.

Mavericks players came out for spring practice Wednesday afternoon but were not in uniform, The Free Press of Mankato reported. They read a statement saying they were unanimous in wanting Aaron Keen to remain as head coach.

"We've all become outstanding community members, students and athletes in the last year and a half since the removal of Todd Hoffner," said the statement, which junior safety Sam Thompson read aloud. "Throughout this process, we have been silent. It is time our voice is heard."

Athletic director Kevin Buisman said in a statement that players had "shared their concerns." He said a meeting was scheduled for Thursday between the players, Hoffner, Keen and the rest of the coaching staff.

Under interim coach Keen, Minnesota State finished 11-1 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division II tournament. But they were also suspended from Hoffner: 34-13 in his four seasons from 2008-12.

Hoffner was arrested in 2012 over images of his children on a university-issued cellphone. Though he was eventually cleared by a judge who described the images as innocent pictures of children acting playful after a bath, the school subsequently suspended, reassigned and fired him for reasons that weren't made public at the time. The arbitrator's report said Hoffner was accused of viewing porn on his work computer and letting his wife use the device, and neither charge was proven.

## QB Murray feeling confident after pro day

ATHENS, Ga. — Quarterback Aaron Murray still has some convincing to do after undergoing reconstructive knee surgery in late

November.

Even so, Murray believes he alleviated many potential concerns about his health after working out in front of 23 NFL teams at Georgia's pro day Wednesday.

Murray said he felt "no limitations" despite wearing a brace on his left knee. Murray hopes that some scouts will recommend him as a second-round draft pick after his scripted workout that included 54 passes to several receivers on a windy, chilly morning.

"We did a lot of throws on the run, left and right, to demonstrate my ability to cut off my leg and show everyone that I'm healthy," he said. "That way these teams don't have to worry about if they draft me I'm going to have to sit out or anything like that."

## Atlanta announces new MLS team

ATLANTA — Arthur Blank donated traditional soccer gear to mark his newest venture — an MLS team for Atlanta.

"I love this one," Blank said, looking down at the red, black and gold scarf draped over his dark suit. "I haven't taken it off since it was given to me. I may not sleep in it tonight, but I may. I haven't decided yet."

Major League Soccer announced its latest team Wednesday, an expansion team for Atlanta that will begin play in 2017 at the city's new retractable roof stadium.

The team will be owned by Blank, who also controls the NFL's Atlanta Falcons. He said it was the culmination of a process that started about a decade ago, when he first started talks with MLS about bringing a team to the city.

The team's name has not been determined. Blank said he will get input from the fans before deciding on the new moniker, though he already knows the colors: red and black — matching the Falcons — with a substantial amount of gold as well.




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## NBA

## Scoreboard

## Playoffs

FIRST ROUND  
(Best-of-seven)  
(If necessary)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

Indiana vs. Atlanta

Saturday at Indiana

Tuesday at Indiana

Thursday, April 24 at Atlanta

Saturday, April 26 at Atlanta

x-Monday, April 28 at Indiana

x-Thursday, May 1 at Atlanta

x-Saturday, May 3 at Indiana

Miami vs. Charlotte

Sunday at Miami

Wednesday, April 23 at Miami

Saturday, April 26 at Charlotte

x-Wednesday, April 30 at Miami

x-Friday, May 2 at Charlotte

x-Sunday, May 4 at Miami

Toronto vs. Brooklyn

Saturday at Toronto

Tuesday at Toronto

Friday, April 25 at Brooklyn

Sunday, April 27 at Brooklyn

x-Thursday, April 24 at Chicago

x-Friday, May 2 at Brooklyn

x-Sunday, May 4 at Toronto

Chicago vs. Washington

Sunday at Chicago

Tuesday at Chicago

Friday, April 25 at Washington

Sunday, April 27 at Washington

x-Thursday, April 24 at Chicago

x-Friday, May 2 at Washington

x-Saturday, May 3 at Chicago

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio vs. Dallas

Sunday at San Antonio

Wednesday, April 23 at San Antonio

Monday, April 26 at Dallas

x-Wednesday, April 30 at San Antonio

x-Friday, May 2 at Dallas

x-Sunday, May 4 at San Antonio

Oklahoma City vs. Memphis

Saturday at Oklahoma City

Monday at Oklahoma City

Thursday, April 24 at Memphis

Saturday, April 26 at Memphis

x-Thursday, April 24 at Oklahoma City

x-Saturday, May 3 at Oklahoma City

L.A. Clippers vs. Golden State

Saturday at L.A. Clippers

Monday at L.A. Clippers

Thursday, April 24 at Golden State

Sunday, April 27 at Golden State

x-Thursday, April 24 at L.A. Clippers

x-Saturday, May 3 at L.A. Clippers

Houston vs. Portland

Sunday at Houston

Wednesday, April 23 at Houston

Friday, April 25 at Portland

x-Wednesday, April 30 at Houston

x-Friday, May 2 at Portland

x-Sunday, May 4 at Houston

## Leaders

## Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	81	540	703	29.3	32.0
Anthony, NYC	77	743	459	21.2	27.4
James, MIA	77	767	439	20.8	27.1
Love, MIN	77	650	520	20.1	26.1
Harden, HOU	73	549	576	18.1	25.4
Griffin, LAC	80	715	482	19.0	24.1
Curry, GSW	78	652	308	18.73	24.0
Adams, POR	69	682	296	16.03	23.2
Cousins, SAC	71	652	361	16.14	22.7
DeRozan, TOR	79	604	518	17.91	22.7
Jefferson, CHA	73	700	191	15.94	21.8
George, IND	80	577	401	17.37	21.7
Nowitzki, DAL	80	588	173	17.5	21.7
Irving, CLE	71	532	291	14.78	20.8
Davidson, BOS	67	627	248	13.94	20.8
Lillard, POR	82	553	371	16.95	20.7
Thompson, MIN	76	566	304	14.65	20.2
Dragic, PHX	76	552	316	15.42	20.3
Gay, SAC	73	537	138	14.57	20.0
Wall, WSH	82	570	317	15.63	19.3

## Rebounds

	G	ORB	DEF	TOT	AVG
Jordan, LAC	82	331	783	1114	13.6
Nowitzki, DAL	80	288	735	1023	12.8
Love, MIN	77	224	739	963	12.5
Howard, HOU	71	231	635	866	12.2
Cousins, SAC	71	238	613	851	11.7
Noah, CHI	80	282	618	900	11.3
Thompson, MIN	76	255	571	826	10.9
Jefferson, CHA	73	286	618	904	12.4
Randolph, MEM	79	265	530	795	10.1
Davis, NOR	67	207	466	673	10.0

## Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Paul, LAC	82	663	10.7
Curry, GSW	78	588	7.5
Lawson, DEN	62	543	8.8
Rubio, MIN	82	703	8.6
Curry, GSW	78	666	8.5

## Playoff picture

## Brackets set as season wraps up

## Durant captures 4th scoring title

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Finally, the NBA playoffs are set.

It took the entire season to fill out those brackets.

Overtime thrillers in Memphis and Charlotte, a go-ahead dunk in Oklahoma City to win a game and cap another scoring title for Kevin Durant, plus some good old-fashioned disinterest by Brooklyn ... all that, and more, on the final night of the season was needed before the eight conference-quarterfinal matchups in this season's NBA playoffs could be decided.

In the Western Conference, San Antonio — the league's best team this season, and a club that had the NBA title slip from its fingers a year ago — opens with Dallas. Oklahoma City gets Memphis, the Los Angeles Clippers face Golden State and Houston squares off with Portland. In the East, it's Indiana against Atlanta, Miami against Charlotte, Toronto facing Brooklyn and Chicago meeting Washington.

And for the third straight year, it's the same question entering the playoffs: Can anyone beat the Heat?

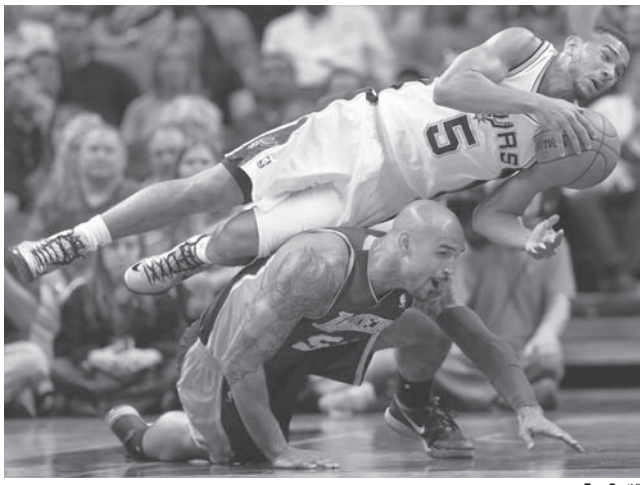
By late June, we'll have an answer.

"Now it's time," Houston's Chandler Parsons said, "for the real fun."

If what's occurred in the season's first 170 nights wasn't the real fun, then these playoffs could be epic.

More points were scored in the NBA than ever before this year, more three-pointers were both shot and made in league history, the Spurs won 62 games — including 19 straight — and Durant scored at least 25 points in 41 consecutive games, a stretch of offensive brilliance that spanned exactly half of the season. Durant wound up winning his fourth scoring crown, making him the overwhelming favorite to deny LeBron James a third straight MVP award.

James has taken the high road, lauding Durant's season and saying he would be a worthy MVP.



ERIC GAY/AP

**The Spurs' Cory Joseph, top, tumbles over the Lakers' Robert Sacre as they chase a loose ball during Wednesday's game in San Antonio. While Los Angeles won 113-100, the Spurs nonetheless finished with an NBA-best 62 wins, earning the top seed in the West and the home-court advantage.**

Really, though, it's obvious that the trophy James is most concerned with is the one that'll be handed out at season's end. The Heat won the last two championships of David Stern's era as commissioner, and would enjoy nothing more than being the first team to accept the Larry O'Brien Trophy from new Commissioner Adam Silver.

"What's coming over the next couple months, we know that's how we'll be judged," Heat forward Shane Battier said.

The 16 teams heading to the playoffs were known before Wednesday, but it wasn't until the final night before nine of the seeds were secured and six of the eight first-round matchups were finalized.

Memphis held off Dallas 106-105 in overtime, giving the Grizzlies the No. 7 seed and a shot at the Thunder. Monta Ellis' missed 20-foot jumper at the buzzer for the Mavericks meant they would be heading to San Antonio to open up the playoffs this weekend — and Dallas has lost nine

straight times to the Spurs.

"Eventually," Dallas star Dirk Nowitzki said, "we will win one."

Losing nine straight to one opponent, that's not good.

Losing 15 straight, even worse. That's what Charlotte has to overcome against the Heat — who are 15-0 against the Bobcats since James and Chris Bosh arrived to team with Dwyane Wade in Miami.

Charlotte went 7-59 two seasons ago. It went 43-39 this season, clearly having undergone a brilliant turnaround.

Alas, 43 wins wouldn't have come close to being enough out West.

Phoenix's title hopes were doomed by perhaps geography more than anything else. The Suns won 48 games and are done. Toronto won 48 games and earned both a No. 3 seed in the East and a division title.

"Very disappointing," Suns guard Archie Goodwin said.

The East was a mess entering the season's final night with five

seeds still up for grabs. Chicago lost to Charlotte in overtime, meaning Toronto finished third and the Bulls got No. 4. But the last three seeds needed a bit longer to be settled, and even though the Bobcats won, they couldn't pass a Washington team that wound up overtaking the Nets for fifth place before the night was over.

Nets coach Jason Kidd rested all five of his starters, plus some backups, even though his club could have finished No. 5.

"I like right where we are," Kidd said.

Kidd probably had a good idea going into Wednesday night that Washington would beat Boston, so it's clear that he didn't mind dropping down a spot in the East bracket. Brooklyn would likely

face Miami — a team it swept — in the second round now. Had Brooklyn been the fifth seed and won an opening series, it would have likely faced Indiana, which topped the Nets in all four of their meetings.

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# NAB SCOREBOARD

## American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	6	.600	
Baltimore	7	8	.571	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	7	8	.467	2
Philadelphia	6	9	.400	3
<b>Central Division</b>				
Detroit	8	7	.545	
Chicago	8	7	.533	
Minnesota	6	9	.500	1 1/2
Kansas City	6	7	.462	1
Seattle	7	7	.462	1
<b>West Division</b>				
Oakland	10	5	.667	
Los Angeles	4	7	.357	1 1/2
Seattle	7	7	.500	2 1/2
San Diego	7	7	.500	2 1/2
Houston	5	10	.333	5

## National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	9	6	.600	
Washington	9	6	.600	
New York	7	7	.533	2 1/2
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	3
Miami	10	3	.750	
<b>Central Division</b>				
St. Louis	11	4	.733	
Pittsburgh	9	6	.600	
Cincinnati	6	9	.400	5
Chicago	6	9	.400	5
<b>West Division</b>				
San Francisco	9	6	.600	
Los Angeles	9	6	.600	
San Diego	7	8	.467	1 1/2
Arizona	7	8	.467	1 1/2
San Francisco	7	14	.222	7 1/2

## Wednesday's Games

Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay  
N.Y. Yankees 3, Chicago Cubs 0, 1st game.

N.Y. Yankees 2, Chicago Cubs 0, 2nd game.

Cleveland 3, Detroit 2

Boston 6, Chicago White Sox 4, 11 innings.

Kansas City 6, Houston 4, 11 innings.

Toronto at Minnesota, p.d., rain.

L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 4, 9 innings.

Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 0

St. Louis 1, St. L. Cardinals 1

N.Y. Mets 5, Arizona 2

San Francisco 4, Colorado 2

San Francisco 3, L.A. Dodgers 1

**Thursday's Games**

Cleveland at Detroit

Seattle at Minnesota

Seattle at Texas

San Francisco at Tampa Bay

Toronto at Minnesota

Washington 5, Miami 1

San Diego 4, Colorado 2

San Francisco 3, L.A. Dodgers 1

L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco

Colorado at San Diego

Baltimore at Pittsburgh

St. Louis at Washington

**Friday's Games**

Toronto (Hutchinson 1-1) at Cleveland

Washington (Weaver 0-2) at Detroit

(Smily 1-0)

Baltimore (Tillman 1-1) at Tampa Bay

(Lackey 2-1)

N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 2-1) at Tampa Bay

(Bedard 0-0)

Seattle (C. Young 0-0) at Miami (Eveland 1-1)

Chicago White Sox (Paulino 0-1) at Texas

(Lindgren 0-0)

Minnesota (Nolasco 1-1) at Kansas City

(Houston 1-0) at Oakland (Gray 2-1)

Cincinnati (Simon 1-1) at Chicago Cubs

(Samardzija 0-1)

Washington (Lohse 2-1) at Pittsburgh

(Morton 0-1)

San Francisco (Nacha 2-0) at Washington

(Gonzalez 2-1)

Atlanta (Harang 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 0-1)

Philadelphia (Petittebone 0-0) at Colorado

(Lindgren 0-0)

Arizona (Miley 2-2) at San Diego

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(T. Ross 1-2)

## Wednesday

## Orioles 3, Rays 0

Tampa Bay

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Tampa Bay

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Odorizzi L-1 2

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M.Gonzalez W-1 1

Britton H-1

Jon.Stanton 5-4 5

HPB—by Jo.Peralta (C.Davis), WP—M.Gonzalez, T—2:53, A—22.611 (45.971).

## Angels 5, Athletics 4 (12)

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Gentry cf	5	1	0	0
Lowrie dh	5	0	3	0
DePaulis 1b	5	0	1	0
Cespedis lf	6	0	0	0
Chavez 3b	5	0	0	0
Crisp ph	0	0	0	0
Callap 1b	4	1	1	0
Barton lb	5	0	0	0
Jason ph	1	0	0	0
Pumtoso ss	4	0	0	0
Scott 3b	4	0	0	0
Sogard 2b	4	0	0	0
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Oakland

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Milone 6f 6 3 2 2 1

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Abad H-1

Cook H-1

Gregerson BS-2 4

Alfonso 1b

Yanessa 1f

Smith W-1

HPB—by Milone (4-innings), by Smith (4-innings), T—2:49, A—37.344 (45.483).

## Red Sox 6, White Sox 4 (14)

Boston

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Nava 1b

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Francis 2f

HPB—by Pedroia (1), Braden (1), HR—Al.Ramirez (4), SB—Pedroia (1), Bogaerts (1), Jorj.Danks (2), De.Aza (1), SF—J.Gomes, C.Davis 1f

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## MLB

## AL roundup

## Yankees sweep day-night doubleheader

*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Masahiro Tanaka and Michael Pineda pitched the New York Yankees to a 3-0, 2-0 sweep of the Chicago Cubs in a chilly day-night-doubleheader Monday.

In the Cubs' first regular-season game at new Yankee Stadium, Tanaka (2-0) allowed two bunt hits in eight dominant innings and struck out 10 for his second straight start. Carlos Beltran homered in the first off Jason Hammel (2-1).

Michael Pineda (2-1) had a clean hand in his first outing since he was spotted with a mysterious brown goo on his right palm last week against Boston. He allowed four hits in six innings to beat Travis Wood (0-2).

Shawn Kelley and Adam Warren got saves for New York, which had not won by shutout twice in one day since April 9, 1987, against Kansas City, according to STATS. No team in the major leagues had done it since Minnesota swept Oakland on June 26, 1988.

The Cubs had not been blanked twice on the same day since Larry Jackson and Ray Sadecki pitched complete games for St. Louis on June 27, 1962.

Chicago was 9-for-61 (.148) at the plate, dropping its season average to .230, and struck out 17 times.

**Orioles 2, Rays 0:** Miguel Gonzalez (1-1) and two relievers combined on a six-hitter, and host Baltimore capitalized on two infield singles by Adam Jones.

Nick Markakis also had two hits for the Orioles, who outscored the Rays 10-1 in the rain-abbrevi-



BILL KOSTRUM/AP

**Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, left, tags out the Cubs' Anthony Rizzo, who was attempting to steal second base, during the fourth inning of Game 2 of a doubleheader on Wednesday in New York.**

ated, two-game series. Baltimore has won five of seven to reach .500 at 7-7.

**Indians 3, Tigers 2:** Yan Gomes hit a two-run triple, and Zach McAllister (2-0) allowed one run and four hits in six innings.

John Axford pitched the ninth for his fifth save for visiting Cleveland, which had lost 18 of its previous 23 against Detroit.

**Royals 6, Astros 4 (11):** Mike

Moustakas homered in the 11th to lift visiting Kansas City over Houston.

Moustakas has been off to a tough start this season and was hitting .098 before his solo shot to the seats in right field off Jerome Williams (0-1) to lead off the 11th.

Danny Duffy (0-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win and Greg Holland allowed a hit and

a walk in a scoreless 11th for his fifth save.

**Rangers 3, Mariners 2:** Leonys Martin had a game-winning RBI single in the ninth inning as Texas scored two unearned runs in a two-out rally against Fernando Rodney (0-1), beating visiting Seattle in a game that started as a battle of aces.

Mariners ace Felix Hernandez struck out nine and had retired 10

in a row before Martin's leadoff triple in the eighth ended the big right-hander's night. Yu Darvish struck out eight in seven innings for the Rangers.

Pedro Figueroa (1-0) worked a perfect ninth for his first major league victory.

**Red Sox 6, White Sox 4 (14):** Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a two-run double off Chicago infielder Leury Garcia in the top of the 14th and visiting Boston outlasted the White Sox in a game that lasted 5 hours and 17 minutes.

With the score tied at 4 after 13 innings, the White Sox ran out of pitchers after Daniel Webb threw 39 pitches in three innings, so manager Robin Ventura turned to Garcia (0-1) to start the 14th. Garcia is the first White Sox position player to take the mound since Casper Wells pitched a scoreless inning last June.

Garcia retired the first two batters, but then walked Daniel Nava and Jonathan Herrera, and Bradley followed with his big hit.

**Angels 5, Athletics 4 (12):** Chris Iannetta homered with two outs in the 12th inning against Drew Pomeranz, giving host Los Angeles a victory over Oakland.

Pomeranz (1-1) retired David Freese on a grounder to second base and Raul Ibanez on a foul pop to the catcher before Iannetta drove the next pitch to center field and just out of the reach of a leaping Craig Gentry, ending Oakland's four-game winning streak.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia got six scoreless innings out of his much-maligned bullpen, as the Athletics stranded runners in scoring position in the 10th, 11th and 12th.

## NL roundup

## Cueto shuts out Pirates

*The Associated Press*

CINCINNATI — Johnny Cueto pitched his third career shutout against the team that beat him in the playoffs, and Joey Votto hit a two-run homer that led the Cincinnati Reds over the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0 Wednesday for their first winning series this season.

Cueto (1-2) limited the Pirates to three hits and struck out a career-high 12 during his first shutout since 2011.

Francisco Liriano (0-3) threw balls on 10 of his first 13 pitches and allowed three runs, six hits and three walks in seven innings along with two wild pitches.

**Brews 1, Phillies 0:** Julio Teheran (3-1) retired his first 12 batters and pitched a three-hitter for his first complete game in 38 career starts to lead Atlanta past host Philadelphia.

Evan Gattis homered among a career-best four hits. Cliff Lee (2-2) struck out 13 and pitched around 11 hits in a complete game, throwing a career-high 128 pitches. **Mets 5, Diamondbacks 2:** Dillon Gee (1-0) retired his first 14 batters and al-

lowed three hits in seven scoreless innings as visiting New York completed a three-game sweep.

Arizona finished an 0-6 homestand in which it led at the end of just one inning and dropped to 1-11 in home games, including a pair of losses in Australia that started the season. At 4-14, the Diamondbacks are off to their worst 18-game start.

**Brewers 5, Cardinals 1:** Wily Peralta (2-0) allowed one run and six hits in 6 1/3 innings as host Milwaukee avoided a series sweep.

**Nationals 6, Marlins 3:** Jayson Werth's homer scored three unearned runs against Jose Fernandez as visiting Washington overcame a 3-0 deficit.

**Padres 4, Rockies 2:** Andrew Cashner pitched into the eighth inning and Chris Denorfia drove in two runs to lift the host San Diego over Colorado.

**Giants 2, Dodgers 1:** Pablo Sandoval singled in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, lifting host San Francisco to a victory over rival Los Angeles and into first place in the NL West.



AL BEHRMAN/AP

**The Reds' Brayan Pena hits a double off Pirates relief pitcher Stolmy Pimentel to drive in a run in the eighth inning on Wednesday in Cincinnati. The Reds won 4-0.**

## NHL PLAYOFFS



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Montreal goalie Carey Price, left, makes a save on a shot by Tampa Bay right wing Ryan Callahan during the second period of Game 1 of the teams' first-round playoff series Wednesday in Tampa, Fla.

## Roundup

# Canadiens take Game 1 on Weise's overtime goal

The Associated Press

**TAMPA, Fla.**—Down one goal, Montreal battled back—twice. Up one, it flattered—twice. Dale Weise then put the Tampa Bay Lightning away for the night.

Weise scored 18:08 into overtime and Carey Price stopped nine shots in the extra period, giving the Canadiens a 5-4 victory in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal playoff series on Wednesday.

"We kept our composure. We didn't want to get out of our game plan," Montreal coach Michel Therrien said. "The players stuck to our game plan, and we got rewarded in the end."

Daniel Briere passed from behind the net to Weise in the right circle, and he beat Anders Lindback for the winning score. Lindback stopped 39 of 44 shots while filling in for injured goaltender Ben Bishop.

"I can't remember the last time I had an overtime goal, so that one feels real good," Weise said. "I was surprised I was so wide open. ... That was a real breakthrough on their side."

"I kind of just turned my head and saw a pass come out," Lindback said. "I was a little late on the play, so he buried it on me."

Price stopped 21 shots for the Canadiens, who blew a pair of third-period leads. Brian Gionta had a short-handed goal and Tomas Plekanec, Lars Eller and Thomas Vanek also scored for Montreal.

Steven Stamkos scored twice for Tampa Bay.

Game 2 is Friday night.

"Bad news is, we lost the game.

Good news is, one game doesn't win the series," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "We get to come back and regroup."

Three of the four regular-season meetings between the teams were decided in overtime or a shootout.

This one was just as tight, with the Lightning making the most of a limited number of opportunities against Price and the Canadiens overcoming a pair of one-goal deficits before squandering a pair of their own while outshooting Tampa Bay 35-16 in regulation.

"I thought we played a solid game. Nothing was bothering the team," Therrien said. "They capitalized on our breakdowns, but their attitude was good."

Vanek and Eller scored in the third period for Montreal, each giving the Canadiens a lead that Price couldn't protect. Alex Killorn countered for Tampa Bay to make it 3-2, and then fed a perfect pass to Stamkos for the goal that forced overtime.

Nikita Kucherov scored off a pass from J.T. Brown to give the Lightning a 1-0 lead at 10:09 of the first period. The celebration for the sellout crowd of 19,204 had barely begun when Plekanec angled a well-placed shot past Lindback from the left circle to tie it just 19 seconds later.

**Ducks 4, Stars 3:** Ryan Getzlaf had a goal and an assist, Frederik Andersen made 32 saves to win his NHL playoff debut, and host Anaheim opened the postseason with a victory over Dallas.

Getzlaf, Kyle Palmieri and Mathieu Perreault scored in a dominant first period for the top-

seeded Ducks, who began their playoff run on a dead sprint. Anaheim led 4-0 midway through the second period before Dallas got rolling in its first playoff game since 2008.

Captain Jamie Benn and Colton Sceviour had power-play goals, and Tyler Seguin scored with 6:07 left to trim the Ducks' lead to one. Anaheim hung on with a handful of big saves from Andersen, a 24-year-old Danish rookie.

Game 2 is Friday.

Matt Beleskey had a goal and an assist before incurring a lower-body injury in the third period, leaving a hole on the Ducks' top line with Getzlaf and Corey Perry. Getzlaf then got hit in the face with the puck with 16 seconds left, sending him to the dressing room early.

**Penguins 4, Blue Jackets 3:** Brandon Sutter scored on a wrist shot from the left circle 8:18 into the third period, helping host Pittsburgh rally past Columbus in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals.

Beau Bennett and Matt Niskanen scored power-play goals 45 seconds apart in the second period, erasing Pittsburgh's two-goal deficit. Jussi Jokinen also scored for the Penguins and Marc-Andre Fleury overcame some shaky defense to stop 31 shots.

Game 2 is Saturday night. Game 3 Johnson, Mark Letestu and Derek Mackenzie scored for the Blue Jackets, who fell to 0-5 all-time in postseason games. Sergei Bobrovsky finished with 28 saves but was handcuffed by Sutter's knuckling wrist at the end of a 2-on-1 break.

## Scoreboard

## First round

(Best-of-seven)

(S-C necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. Boston

Friday: at Boston  
Sunday: at Boston  
Tuesday: at Detroit  
Thursday, April 24: at Detroit  
x-Saturday, April 26: at Boston  
x-Monday, April 28: at Detroit  
x-Wednesday, April 30: at Boston  
Montreal 1, Tampa Bay 0  
Wednesday: Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT  
Friday: at Tampa Bay  
Sunday: at Montreal  
Tuesday: at Montreal  
x-Thursday, April 24: at Tampa Bay  
x-Sunday, April 27: at Montreal  
x-Wednesday, April 30: at Tampa Bay  
Pittsburgh 1, Columbus 0  
Wednesday: Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3  
Saturday: at Pittsburgh  
Monday: at Columbus  
Wednesday, April 23: at Columbus  
x-Saturday, April 26: at Pittsburgh  
x-Monday, April 28: at Columbus  
x-Wednesday, April 30: at Pittsburgh  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers  
Thursday: at N.Y. Rangers  
Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers  
Tuesday: at Philadelphia  
Friday, April 25: at Philadelphia  
x-Sunday, April 27: at Philadelphia  
x-Wednesday, April 30: at N.Y. Rangers

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota vs. Colorado

Thursday: at Colorado  
Saturday: at Colorado  
Monday: at Minnesota  
Thursday, April 24: at Minnesota  
x-Saturday, April 26: at Colorado  
x-Monday, April 28: at Minnesota  
x-Wednesday, April 30: at Colorado  
Chicago vs. St. Louis  
Thursday: at St. Louis  
Sunday: at St. Louis  
Monday: at Chicago  
Wednesday, April 23: at Chicago  
x-Friday, April 25: at St. Louis  
x-Sunday, April 27: at Chicago  
x-Tuesday, April 29: at St. Louis  
Anaheim 1, Dallas 0  
Wednesday: Anaheim 4, Dallas 3  
Friday: at Anaheim, 10 p.m.  
Monday: at Dallas  
Wednesday, April 23: at Dallas  
x-Friday, April 25: at Anaheim  
x-Sunday, April 27: at Dallas  
x-Tuesday, April 29: at Anaheim  
Los Angeles vs. San Jose  
Thursday: at San Jose  
Sunday: at San Jose  
Tuesday: at Los Angeles  
Thursday, April 24: at Los Angeles  
x-Saturday, April 26: at San Jose  
x-Monday, April 28: at Los Angeles  
x-Wednesday, April 30: at San Jose

## Wednesday

Penguins 4, Blue Jackets 3

Columbus 2 1 0-3  
Pittsburgh 1 1 2 1-1  
First Period—1, Columbus, Johnson 1 (Dubinsky), 6:20. 2, Pittsburgh, Jokinen (Malik, Maatta), 17:13. 3, Columbus, Letestu 1 (Johnson, Jenner), 17:58 (pp).  
Second Period—0-0.  
Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Bennett 1 (Johnson, Martin), 4:34 (pp), 6, Pittsburgh, Niskanen 1 (Malik, Crosby), 2:19 (pp).  
Fourth Period—0-0.  
Fifth Period—7, Pittsburgh, Sutter 1 (Bennett, Martin), 8:18.  
Shots on Goal—Columbus 13-12-9—34. Pittsburgh 12-10-10—32.  
Power-play opportunities—Columbus 1 of 4; Pittsburgh 2 of 3.  
Goals—Columbus, Bobrovsky 0-10 (32 shots-28 saves). Pittsburgh, Fleury 1-0-0 (34-31).  
A—18,646 (18,387). T—2:33.

Canadiens 5, Lightning 4 (OT)

Montreal 1 1 2 1-5  
Tampa Bay 1 1 2 0-4  
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Kucherov 1 (Brown, Paquette), 10:09. 2, Montreal, Plekanec 1 (Enin, Gallagher), 10:28.  
Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 1 (Koski), 12:24. 4, Montreal, Gionta 1 (Eller, Weaver), 16:39 (sh).  
Third Period—5, Montreal, Eller 1 (Gionta), 5:10. 5, Tampa Bay, Killorn 1 (Johnson), 7:11. 7, Montreal, Vanek 1 (Deharnis, Enin), 11:30. 8, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 2 (Killorn), 13:27.  
First Overtime—3, Montreal, Weise 1 (Briere, Gorges), 18:08.  
Shots on Goal—Montreal 14-8-13-9—44. Tampa Bay 4-7-5-9—25.  
Power-play opportunities—Montreal 0 of 2; Tampa Bay 0 of 2.  
Goals—Montreal, Price 0-0 (25 shots-21 saves). Tampa Bay, Lindback 0-1-0 (44-39).  
A—19,204 (19,204). T—3:22.

## Ducks 4, Stars 3

Dallas 3 2 1-3  
Anaheim 3 1 0-4  
First Period—1, Anaheim, Palmieri 1 (Goring, Beauchemin), 1:52. 2, Anaheim, Getzlaf 1 (Beleskey, Perry), 12:49. 3, Anaheim, Perreault 1 (Maroon, Getzlaf), 19:30 (pp).  
Second Period—4, Anaheim, Beleskey 1 (Beauchemin, Seavey), 9:04 (pp), 5, Dallas, J. Benn 1 (Sceviour, Marsson), 16:36 (pp), 6, Dallas, Sceviour 1 (Eakin, Joensuu), 18:09.  
Third Period—7, Dallas, Seguin 1 (Daley, Nichushkin), 13:53.  
Shots on Goal—Dallas 14-13-8—35. Anaheim 10-12-13—35.  
Power-play opportunities—Dallas 1 of 5; Anaheim 2 of 5.  
Goals—Dallas, Lehtonen 0-1-0 (35 shots-31 saves). Anaheim, Andersen 1-0-0 (25-32).  
A—17,254 (17,174). T—2:41.



JAC C. HONG/AP

Anaheim's Mathieu Perreault celebrates his first goal against Dallas during the first period in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series Wednesday in Anaheim, Calif. Anaheim won the game 4-3.



## NHL PLAYOFFS



JOHN WOODS, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

In his first season behind the bench, Hall of Fame goaltender Patrick Roy guided Colorado to a franchise-record 52 wins and the Central Division championship.

# Roy makes correct moves in first year

By PAT GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

**P**atrick Roy's fiery personality was on full display in the opening game when the Colorado coach got into a heated exchange with Anaheim, banging his hands again and again on the glass partition until it tilted.

That eruption set a tone for the season: The Avalanche weren't going to be pushovers.

Not with the combustible Hall of Fame goaltender taking over behind the bench.

Roy guided this franchise — the one he led to two Stanley Cup titles as a player — back into the playoffs by tying a team record with 52 wins. They played Minnesota in a first-round series that began Thursday.

"Patrick is the ultimate winner. He doesn't accept anything less than winning," backup goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere said. "He did that as a player and he's doing that as a coach."

"He does that when he plays golf, he does that when he plays cards, he does everything to win. And that has really translated to our team. He changed the whole mentality in this room, and it shows every time we

go out on the ice. We play to win, so it's fun to see that."

As for that volatile temper, the players insist they rarely see it inside the locker room — not after a bad period or a tough loss. This is their team, Roy said from the day he was brought on board, and he was there more for support than to scold. He was partnering with them, not ruling them with an iron fist.

The breathing room allowed the youthful Avalanche to make some mistakes and learn from them.

"They need to have someone who they can come up to and talk," said Roy, who's the fifth coach in NHL history to win 50 or more games in his first season. "It's their system."

Roy has been a little unorthodox in running the team: From pulling his goalie with two, three, sometimes four minutes remaining if they're down a goal to assembling them at center ice after a practice and having them all yell "team" at the same time.

"If I want to be different than we've been in past years, then we have to do things differently," captain Gabriel Landeskog said. "It's been great to see his point of view on things. You see the team that we are. You see the team that we've become."

## Eye: Several goalies have a chance to carry their teams a long way

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for Dallas, but his playoff experience is minimal. Philadelphia's Steve Mason is in that category, too.

With the suspense out of the way, here are six candidates with the potential to be that next impenetrable presence between the pipes over the next two months:

**1 Sergei Bobrovsky:** The 25-year-old Russian known affectionately as "Bob" has helped steer Columbus to the playoffs for just the second time in franchise history. Bobrovsky had five shutouts and was ninth in the NHL this season with his .923 save percentage. The Pittsburgh Penguins pose a significant challenge as the opening opponent, but Bobrovsky has stolen many games for the Blue Jackets.

**2 Jonathan Quick:** There's no need to know more than this: Two years ago, Quick won the Conn Smythe Trophy after yielding just 29 goals in 20 playoff games for the Los Angeles Kings on the way to their first title.

**3 Jimmy Howard:** The Detroit Red Wings stretched their remarkable streak of making the playoffs to 23 straight years, but they're lined up in the bracket against the mighty Boston Bruins. With Howard minding the net, maybe this banged-up bunch can pull off the upset. Top seeds falling in the first round, after all, are hardly

historic NHL moments. The U.S. Olympic team member made 35 saves in a 3-2 win on April 2 over Boston, the defending Eastern Conference champion and winner of the 2011 Stanley Cup. Perhaps that planted a seed of doubt in the minds of the Bruins.

**4 Semyon Varlamov:** Just like his Hall of Fame coach Patrick Roy, Varlamov has the makeup to carry a team a long way if his young and potent forwards aren't faded. One of the Vezina Trophy front-runners, Varlamov led the league with 41 victories and was third with a .927 save percentage.

**5 Ilya Bryzgalov:** One of four goalies to play at least 12 games for Minnesota this season, Bryzgalov was fetched at the trade deadline for a fourth-round draft pick. He has a spotty track record in playoffs past with Phoenix and Philadelphia, but he came through when the Wild needed him most, posting a 7-3-1 record and 2.12 goals-against average since his acquisition from Edmonton.

**6 Anders Lindback:** Lindback left some shaky earlier performances behind him by going 3-0 with a 0.67 goals-against average over the final three games to help Tampa Bay lock up home-ice advantage for the first round against the Montreal Canadiens. This is Ben Bishop's job, having set a Lightning record with 37 wins, but he hurt his elbow last week, leaving the job to Lindback.



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Tampa Bay goalie Anders Lindback, left, moves to his right but can't stop Montreal left wing Thomas Vanek from scoring Wednesday during the third period of Game 1 of the teams' first-round playoff series in Tampa, Fla. Lindback stopped 39 of 44 shots but Montreal won 5-4 in overtime.

## SPORTS

## NHL PLAYOFFS

# Heating up

## Keep an eye on these goalies

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**T**he NHL playoffs have arrived, which means it's time for the goalies to get going.

As simplistic as the adage can be, predictions of the Stanley Cup champion often tilt toward the guy in the crease producing the biggest saves of the spring. Hoisting the hallowed trophy is hard to do without a hot goalie.

So who are the ones to watch this time?

Corey Crawford was the winner last year with Chicago, so let's skip him. League-leading Boston, with the stel-

lar Tuukka Rask in goal, is probably too obvious.

Similarly, we'll pass over other top-five seeds with well-established netminders who finished among the league leaders this season: Pittsburgh and Marc-Andre Fleury, the New York Rangers and Henrik Lundqvist, and Montreal's Carey Price.

Some of the bigger names struggled toward the end and aren't taking much momentum into the playoffs: Anaheim's Jonas Hiller, St. Louis' Ryan Miller and San Jose's Antti Niemi.

Kari Lehtonen had a strong season  
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**Columbus goalie Sergei Bobrovsky is 32-20-5 this season, but lost his only start against first-round playoff opponent Pittsburgh.**

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